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Last Hours Of Ladybird

H.M.S. Ladybird, the Yangtse gunboat which was sunk at Tobruk, was struck by two heavy shells and was "burning like hell" when she went down fighting.

Commander Blackburn, who brought Ladybird from China to join the Mediterranean Fleet, described the conduct of officers and ratings as "one of the most magnificent displays of courage I have ever seen."

The London newspapers recall Ladybird's adventures in China and say she had often nosed her way into the shallow waters off the Libyan coast to shell Libyan fortresses.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT RENEWS PLEDGE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT RENEWED HIS PLEDGE OF "FULL MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO GREAT BRITAIN AND HER ALLIES" IN A MESSAGE TO KING GEORGE CONGRATULATING HIS MAJESTY ON HIS BIRTHDAY AND EXPRESSING SINCERE WISHES FOR HIS WELL-BEING AND THE WELL-BEING OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH.

The President adds: "I do not need to emphasise to Your Majesty my sympathy and the sympathy of the whole American nation with the great cause of freedom and justice which the peoples of the British Empire now are so valiantly defending."—Reuter.

ARMOUR FOR NIGHT DEFENCE

MR. ERNEST BEVIN, MINISTER FOR LABOUR, IN A SPEECH AT LEICESTER LAST NIGHT EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE DAY WAS NOT FAR DISTANT WHEN THE PEOPLE OF BRITAIN WOULD BE AS SAFE IN THEIR BEDS AT NIGHT AS THEY ARE BY DAY.

"We have made night fighting expensive to the enemy over this country," he said, adding: "Scientists and engineers, skilled craftsmen and craftswomen, are building up armour for night defence."

BREN-GUN CARRIERS IN DAMASCUS SUBURBS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The London "Daily Sketch" quotes Cairo radio as saying that British Headquarters will make a formal proposal to General Dentz to permit an Allied column to enter Damascus unopposed in order to prevent damage to the ancient city.

The "Daily Express" reports that the British are already in the suburbs of Damascus with Bren-gun carriers.—International News Service.

FIGHTERS DOWN IN CHANNEL

British fighters shot down two German fighters into the sea off the south-east coast yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

ROBIN MOOR FACTS BEYOND DISPUTE

THE FACTS ABOUT the sinking of the American ship Robin Moor were beyond dispute, said the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, at his press conference in Washington yesterday.

The evidence of survivors was very clear, he declared, and he would withhold a considered statement on what action the United States would take until the full depositions of the survivors had been received and investigated.

Every detail already received by the State Department of the sinking had been made available to the public and this practice would be continued.

Commenting on the German claim that the Robin Moor carried contraband, Mr. Welles said the United States Government had never acquiesced in the definitions of contraband of either side in the present war.

Plain Facts

He continued, however: "What the United States does maintain very firmly is that Germany and the United States are parties to the International agreement of 1930 under which submarines are to take proper precautions to ensure the safety of the crews and passengers of any merchant-

man before it is sunk. "In the case of the Robin Moor the facts speak for themselves."—Reuter.

Survivors Cheered

Eleven survivors of the Robin Moor are guests of the U.S. consulate at Recife after telling their stories.

The survivors, who consist of 10 of the crew and a British passenger, are awaiting transportation to the U.S. and meanwhile remain in seclusion, forbidden to grant interviews. Under the closest scrutiny, in order to prevent unauthorised interviews, the survivors toured Recife yesterday in automobiles to take proper precautions to ensure the safety of the crowds.—International News Service.

Decisive Drive On Tripoli

THE ALLIED FORCES' DESIRE TO MINIMISE BLOODSHED IS THE MAIN REASON WHY DAMASCUS HAS NOT YET BEEN OCCUPIED. FROM HILLS SOUTH OF DAMASCUS THE ALLIES CAN SEE THE GARDENS AND DATE PALM GROVES OF THE CITY.

Had this been purely a military operation tanks would doubtless long ago have forged ahead while artillery hammered at the circles of modern forts guarding the city.

A peculiarity of these forts is that they were mostly built for the purpose of firing on the city itself in the event of a rising.

The lava bed terrain around Damascus also tends to slow the advance of the Allied troops.

Syrian circles in Egypt are most interested in the persistent reports from Ankara of a British

thrust from Dere El Zor, on the Euphrates, to Palmyra, which, if confirmed, would be a brilliant strategic move.

Drive On Tripoli

The main configuration of the country is of two mountain ridges parallel with the coast, making east to west communications difficult, but there is one gap along the line Palmyra-Homs-Tripoli which cuts Syria in two.

Tripoli commands almost all the country lying to the west of the range nearest the coast while Homs commands the country either side of the other ridge. Any drive to Tripoli, as General Dentz must well know, would therefore establish the Allied forces in a commanding position, enabling them to push north and south, and would probably lead to the collapse of resistance at Beirut, Damascus and Aleppo.—Reuter.

AERIAL BATTLES OFF SYRIA

Australian Air Force machines have been in operation against enemy planes off the coast of Syria.

A special communique issued from the R.A.F. Middle East Command in Cairo states that yesterday afternoon Australian Air Force machines shot down three Junkers 88's and damaged others near the coast of Syria.

Australian fighters attacked eight or nine Junkers 88's bearing Italian distinguishing marks which had intended attacking a naval squadron three miles west of Sidon.

Four of the enemy planes dived and dropped their bombs but the remainder jettisoned their loads and retreated hastily.

Australian fighters shot down four Junkers and serious damage was inflicted on others, one of which flew with its wing on fire.

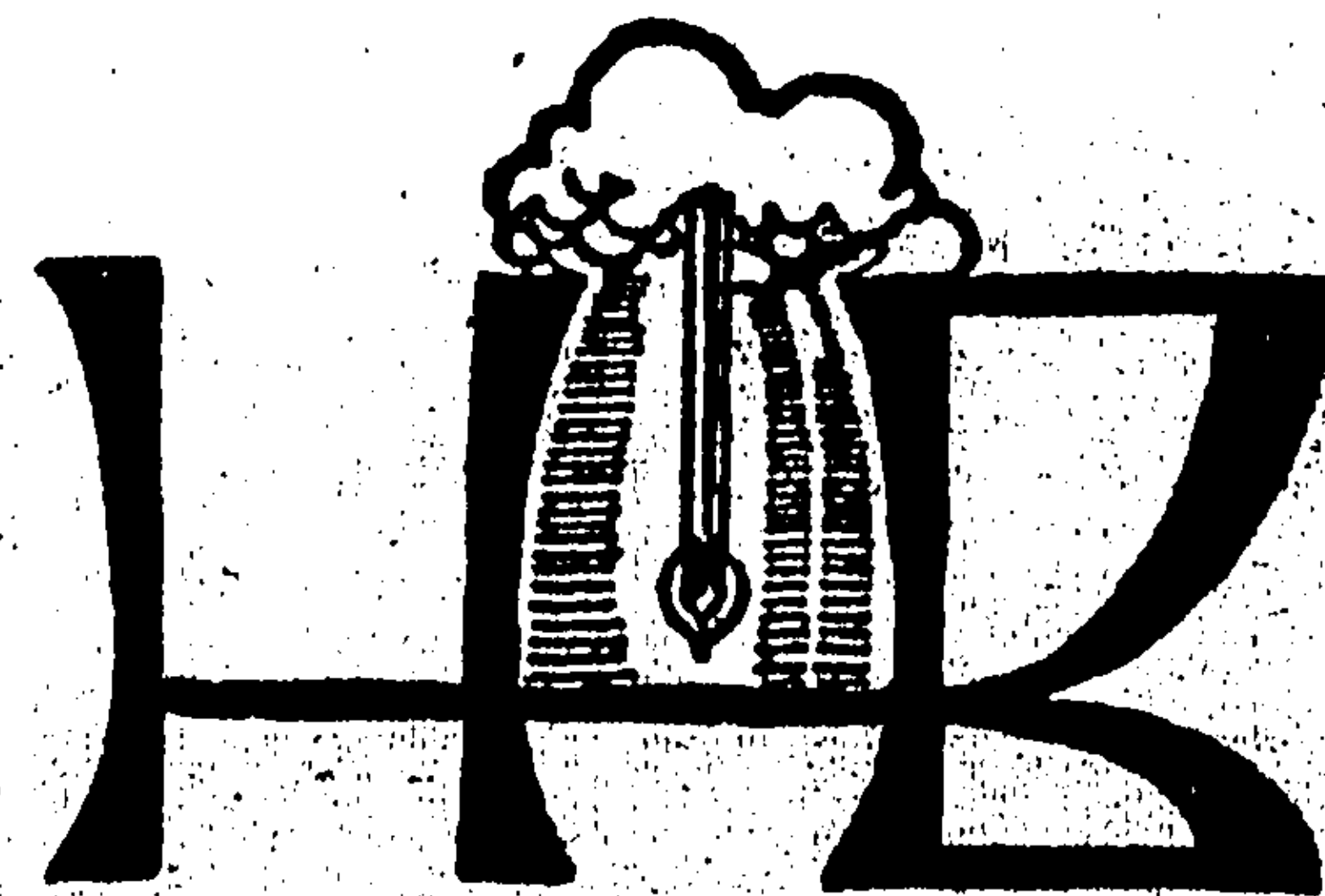
The Australians suffered no loss or damage.—Reuter.

PALESTINE AIR RAID DEATHS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A Jerusalem despatch received in London yesterday says eight were killed and 25 injured in the Tel Aviv raid and one killed and one injured at Haifa.—International News Service.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

German Pocket Battleship Crippled Off South Norway

Torpedo Bombers Register Two Hits: Considerable Damage

A GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIP WAS HIT BY A BRITISH AERIAL TORPEDO OFF THE NORWEGIAN COAST EARLY YESTERDAY WHEN, ACCORDING TO THE BELIEF EXPRESSED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT, SHE WAS PROBABLY ON THE WAY TO TAKE THE PLACE OF HITLER'S ILL-FATED MONSTER BATTLESHIP BISMARCK AS A COMMERCE RAIDER IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC.

A mass of smoke billowed from the pocket battleship as a half-ton naval torpedo from a 300 miles an hour Bristol Beaufort aeroplane registered a direct hit amidships. Soon afterwards another Beaufort launched its torpedo into the smoke which surrounded the target.

The German vessel halted and when seen again several hours later she was travelling at greatly reduced speed off Mandal, southern point of Norway.

A communique released by the Air Ministry last night says: Shortly before midnight last (Thursday) night a Blenheim aircraft of the Coastal Command on reconnaissance off the southern coast of Norway sighted an enemy pocket battleship escorted by a number of destroyers.

A striking force was despatched by the Coastal Command and in the early hours of this (Friday) morning the battleship, then off Egersund, was hit by a torpedo from a Beaufort aircraft.

Dense clouds of white smoke rose from the vessel and prevented accurate observation by other aircraft of the results of their attacks.

Much Damage Inflicted

Soon after 10 o'clock this (Friday) morning the battleship was stationary some miles off Mandal, on the southern point of Norway, and later the whole force was observed to be retiring towards the Skagerrak at greatly reduced speed.

One of our aircraft is missing from these operations and one enemy flyingboat was destroyed by a Hudson reconnaissance aircraft.

An Air Ministry spokesman declared in London last night that damage inflicted on the pocket battleship must have been considerable, as by 10 in the morning, when she was sighted off Mandal, she had only covered about 50 miles, whereas the normal speed of a pocket battleship is about 26 knots.

At this time the battleship was retiring towards the Skagerrak, where, said the spokesman, "she will probably spend a considerable time in a naval dockyard before she is in a fit state to put to sea again."

Destroyer Screen

An Air Ministry news service bulletin giving details of the action, says the pocket battleship was heading northward with a screen of five destroyers when first sighted by a Blenheim pilot, who was chasing a Heinkel seaplane off the Norwegian coast and emerged into a clear patch to see the German warship directly below him.

The pilot reported back and a force of bombers was despatched to attack.

A flight sergeant from Coventry, with a navigator from Saskatchewan, piloted the Beaufort which registered the first hit.

The battleship was hit amidships by one torpedo, dropped at less than 100 feet, and the attack was effected with such surprising suddenness that the plane escaped without a shot being fired.

The pilot, describing the attack later, said the battleship was in the middle with one destroyer immediately ahead and two others on either side, "a very effective screen against torpedo attack."

He continued: "We flew at the right angle across the stern of the battleship. Then we made a right about turn and came back broadside less than 100 feet high."

"I had to skid the aircraft round the stern of one of the destroyers to get in position to drop a torpedo."

"I let a torpedo go just after we passed the destroyer. Then I crossed within about 100 yards in front of the battleship's bow." —Reuter.

SHANGHAI MAN DIES IN ENGLAND

The death occurred in Britain yesterday of Mr. Frank Crossley, formerly of Shanghai. —Reuter.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AGAIN SICK

President Roosevelt, who is reported to be suffering from a slight sore throat, has cancelled all engagements, including the regular Friday Cabinet meeting and press conference, says a Reuter telegram from Washington.

AUSTRALIA IN IT TO THE LAST

Sir Bertram Stevens, Australian member of the Eastern Group Council in Simla, yesterday referred to the Australian decision to suspend the transfer of funds for Spitfires to England.

Sir Bertram was speaking to Indian and overseas press representatives in Simla.

He said Australia's motive were in danger of being misunderstood and misrepresented. Such action was merely a matter of accounting and transference of funds between Australia and London.

It had nothing whatever to do with the Crete campaign. "Australia knows she must suffer with Britain in the ordeal of war as well as share the triumphs. We are proud to do so."

"There is no glimmer of a rift between Britain and the Commonwealth. We are with them to the last and we will endure all." —Reuter.



Nazi bombers carried out their heaviest blitz of the year on London when, attacking in groups, raiders rained down fire and high explosive bombs for several hours. At least five hospitals were hit and damage to commercial premises, shops and houses was considerable. Photo shows nurses inspecting the ruins of a wrecked Nurses Home.

PICKING THEM OFF ONE BY ONE

WITH YESTERDAY'S crippling of a German pocket battleship by a British torpedo bomber, another unit of Hitler's battle fleet has been put out of action, and of the original three pocket battleships with which German naval designers aimed at capital ship gunpower in cruiser tonnage, only one now remains immediately usable.

Since the specifications of this class were put to the test, expert naval architects have generally agreed that the ships proved disappointing because their light armour plating was a major handicap against heavy calibre shells and bombs.

Since the sudden appearance and destruction of the Bismarck in the Atlantic, Germany now has in addition only two big battleships in service, namely the Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, both of 26,000 tons which have been immobilised in Brest for over two months under repeated attacks by the R.A.F.

The Bismarck's sister ship, Tirpitz, listed at 35,000 tons, has hitherto not appeared in service. The 10,000-ton cruiser Prinz Eugen is also at Brest and has already been attacked by the R.A.F. there.

Heading For Ship Lanes

Belief that the German pocket battleship was heading into the Atlantic to attack shipping is supported by the presence of an important escort of destroyers.

The Luetzow was the first of Germany's series of three pocket battleships, being commenced in 1929 and completed in 1933 as the Deutschland, and was the first outstanding example of a welded warship.

The second of these ships, the Admiral Scheer, was launched in 1931 and completed in 1934.

The third ship, Graf Spee, was destroyed by scuttling outside Montevideo. — Reuter.

HOT SPOTS

South African Air Force ground personnel are finding their desert outposts in the Northern Frontier province of Kenya "very hot spots." So hot, indeed, that when they are refuelling aircraft that have returned from long patrols into Abyssinia, they find it impossible to sit on the leading edges of the wings without literally burning their shorts "as though they had sat on a stove."

But the heat does not prevent the S.A.A.F. from doing great work, carrying their offensive patrols far into enemy territory and bombing the Italian forces out of their mountainous forward forts, enabling the troops to capture the precious waterholes.

So little does the heat seem to worry these tough almen, that a "nice hot cup of tea" and a game of football is the order of the day after bombing operations are finished.

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SOVIET-GERMAN RELATIONS

Rumours Devoid Of Foundation, Says Moscow

Pact Terms Faithfully Fulfilled

"ALL RUMOURS OF SOVIET PREPARATIONS FOR WAR WITH GERMANY ARE DEVOID OF FOUNDATION," STATES THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS IN AN AUTHORISED STATEMENT BROADCAST BY MOSCOW RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The statement specifically says: "Firstly, Germany has not presented any demands to the U.S.S.R. and no negotiations could therefore have taken place.

"Secondly, Germany is fulfilling the terms of the Soviet-German Pact just as unflinchingly as the Soviet Union.

"The movements of German troops on Germany's eastern frontiers must be due to other reasons which have nothing to do with Soviet-German relations.

"Thirdly, the Soviet Union has observed and intends to observe the terms of the German-Soviet Pact and all rumours of its preparations for war with Germany are devoid of any foundation.

"Fourthly, the recent mobilisation of reserves and manoeuvres had for their objective the training of reserve contingents and checking up the working of the railway system, and to represent these operations as hostile to Germany, is to say the least, absurd."

Clumsy Propaganda

Pointing out that these rumours have been particularly insistent since the arrival of the British Ambassador, Sir Stafford Cripps, in London, Tass described the rumours as "clumsily concocted propaganda by forces hostile to Germany and the U.S.S.R."

The English-language version of the Tass statement refers to the "intensive spreading of rumours about the proximity of war between the U.S.S.R. and Germany" which have appeared in "the British and foreign press before, and especially since the arrival of the British Ambassador in London."

The English-language version continues: "Tass declared that firstly Germany did not present any demands to the U.S.S.R. and does not propose any new and closer agreement. No negotiations on this subject could have taken place.

German Troop Movements

"Secondly, according to information at the disposal of the U.S.S.R., Germany abides by the provisions of the Soviet-German Pact of Non-Aggression as unswervingly as the Soviet Union, in view of which, in the opinion of Soviet quarters, rumours of Germany's intention to denounce the Pact and undertake an attack on the Soviet Union are devoid of any ground, whereas the despatching of German troops relieved from operations in the Balkans to the eastern and north-eastern districts of Germany, which is now taking place, is connected, it should be assumed, with other motives having no bearing on Soviet-German relations.

"No Other Purpose"

"Thirdly, the U.S.S.R., as follows from its peace policy, abides and intends to abide by the provisions of the Soviet-German Non-Aggression Pact, in view of which rumours to the effect that the U.S.S.R. is preparing for war with Germany are a mere provocation.

"Fourthly, summer camp drills of the Red Army reservists, held at present, and the forthcoming manoeuvres, have no other purpose than the training of reserve troops and checking up the working of the railway system, carried out, as is known, every year, in view of which to represent these measures of the Red Army as inimical to Germany is absurd, to say the least."—Reuter.

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BOMBING BOATS FOR PRACTICE

A speedboat which is built to be bombed, and not answer back, sounds something of a contradiction. But the armour-plated forty-footers of the R.A.F. built by a famous British constructor of racing craft, really are designed to withstand hits with light practice bombs without serious damage to the boat or injury to the crew. And they afford excellent practice to the pilots and bomb-aimers of the Royal Air Force, training for more serious work against enemy targets on the move.

To make these target-boats "bomb-proof" an ingenious compromise has been evolved. Since armouring the entire craft would make it too heavy for speedy work, if it would float at all, the crew of three and vital parts and controls are assembled closely amidships, and hooded with stout armour plate, mounted on rubber buffers. The rest of the hull is unprotected, but is packed with a special buoyant substance termed ozonate, one fifth the weight of cork. Direct hits elsewhere than on the armour plating simply drill holes clean through the hull without affecting the seaworthiness of the boat. A special method of hull construction makes "mending the holes" a comparatively easy matter.

The armour itself will resist the impact and explosion of a practice bomb dropped from a height of several miles.

Modern high-speed armoured target boats now in use by the R.A.F. are a considerable advance on the somewhat sketchy pioneer craft associated with the late Aircraftman Shaw—better known as "Lawrence of Arabia."

Every possible safeguard for the safety of the crew and the efficiency of the ship, evolved as the result of experience, is employed. Gas masks protect the crew against the fumes of bursting bombs; armour glass windows give the helmsman a good view fore and aft; radio keeps the craft in touch with the "attacking" aircraft and a safety tender lying near at hand; and triple 100 h.p. engines, each driving a separate propeller, insure against a hit incapacitating the speedboat, as well as giving it a high degree of manoeuvrability and a wide speed range.

By suitably working the engines, the target boat can not only be turned in her own length, but made to reproduce the movements of any likely target, from that of a steam train proceeding on a steady course to the erratic movements of an enemy destroyer or E-boat attempting evasive action.



RESTAURANT BOMBED IN BLITZ. The blitz returned to London recently and many high explosives were dropped. A restaurant and ballroom were among places hit. Photo shows damaged band instruments at the blitzed restaurant.

RED ELEMENT IN MANCHESTER DOCKS WALK-OUT

FIRM ACTION AGAINST what the Regional Port Director, Mr. Gibson Jarvie, described as the "Communist element in imported dock labour," was threatened yesterday as the majority of Manchester dockers resumed work following a one-day lockout in the big Manchester docks.

Regular workers were back yesterday but several hundred members of mobile dock squads have been suspended on refusal to work until 10 in the evening.

Blaming Communist elements, Mr. Jarvie declared yesterday: "We know some of those Communists and I have every intention to run them off the docks. It has come to light that they have been very busy under the surface trying to cause discontent and seizing any excuse for causing trouble."

"The trouble has caused no serious delay and may prove a blessing in disguise if it results, as I intend, in the eliminating of some men we can well afford to lose."

Communist Trouble Makers

An official of the Dockers Union, Mr. Jack Donovan, after a final conference with the Port Authorities yesterday, declared that the chief grumble, that canteen facilities are inadequate, will soon be settled "as Mr. Jarvie promised to put things right immediately."

Referring to Communist trouble makers, Mr. Donovan said: "We have a way to deal with this type. They will cause no more trouble."—Reuter.

DUCHESS LEARNING TO CATCH MOLES

The Duchess of Atholl is learning to become a molecatcher. She confessed this in a broadcast, saying it was "to protect the precious vegetables" in our garden from destruction.

Later, she told the "Daily Mirror": "I'm being taught by our head gardener before he is called up. I haven't caught one myself yet. That's a thrill still to come."

(Continued from Next Column) per correspondent, "and Lindbergh has been able to declare that France and England are responsible for the war, then he can be safely left to the judgment of the citizens of the United States. When the history of the war comes to be written it will be found that the Germans used Lindbergh also to fly their first signals of distress when they made him reiterate before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee that he believed the war would end by compromise. It will not end by compromise, but by victory of the democracies."

TO TAKE DELIVERY FROM U.S.

The Air Ministry in London yesterday announced the appointment of the Coastal air defence chief, Sir Frederick William Bowhill, to command the British end of deliveries of American-built aircraft to Britain by air.

Sir Frederick's duties, according to an Air Ministry statement, will be to "command the organisation which will take delivery from the recently formed ferry command of the U.S. Army Air Corps and fly to the United Kingdom the aircraft produced in American factories for the R.A.F."

Since August 1937, Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill has been Commander-in-Chief of the Coastal Command, whose operations have received considerable extension to cover the protection of shipping as part of the Battle of the Atlantic.

Born at Gwalior, India, and now aged 60, he has been a military flier since 1913, when he joined the naval wing of the old Royal Flying Corps.

He held commands in East Africa and the Mediterranean and in 1919 was Chief Staff Officer in the successful expedition against the Mad Mullah in Somaliland.

Sir Frederick is succeeded as Commander-in-Chief, Coastal Command, by Air Marshal Sir Philip Joubert de la Ferte, whose appointment becomes effective today.

Air Marshal Joubert held the same post for a year before 1937 when he went to India to head the R.A.F. there until the beginning of the war. He was then recalled for service in Britain and later became Assistant Chief of Air Staff. Air Marshal Joubert was born in Darjeeling. Now aged 54, he is a former Artillery officer.—Reuter.

LINDBERGH AND FRANCE

Only those who were in Paris at the time of Lindbergh's great Transatlantic flight can appreciate the tremendous enthusiasm of his welcome and the intense disappointment of the French at the really shabby way he treated them.

With tact the French hid the rudeness Lindbergh displayed in almost openly disdaining the honours the French wanted to do him, not only in 1927 but later when he made a sudden landing at Les Ormeaux, near Paris. All he would allow was a small entertainment on the latter occasion by a number of French fliers. Lindbergh did not shine at that party, said one who was present.

A French journalist in London puts much of Lindbergh's strange attitude to the account of loyal observance by the British press of Lindbergh's desire for privacy when he came here to seek refuge. Like so many "front page" heroes who ask for silence, Lindbergh did not like it when he got it and found himself just plain Mr. Anybody, said the French critic. But the Germans had hired him up in a trice, and when he visited Germany, lavished medals on him and made him feel the British had neglected his greatness. "If the newspapers of his own country have been so right," said the French critic, "Continued at foot of page 4 Column 1."

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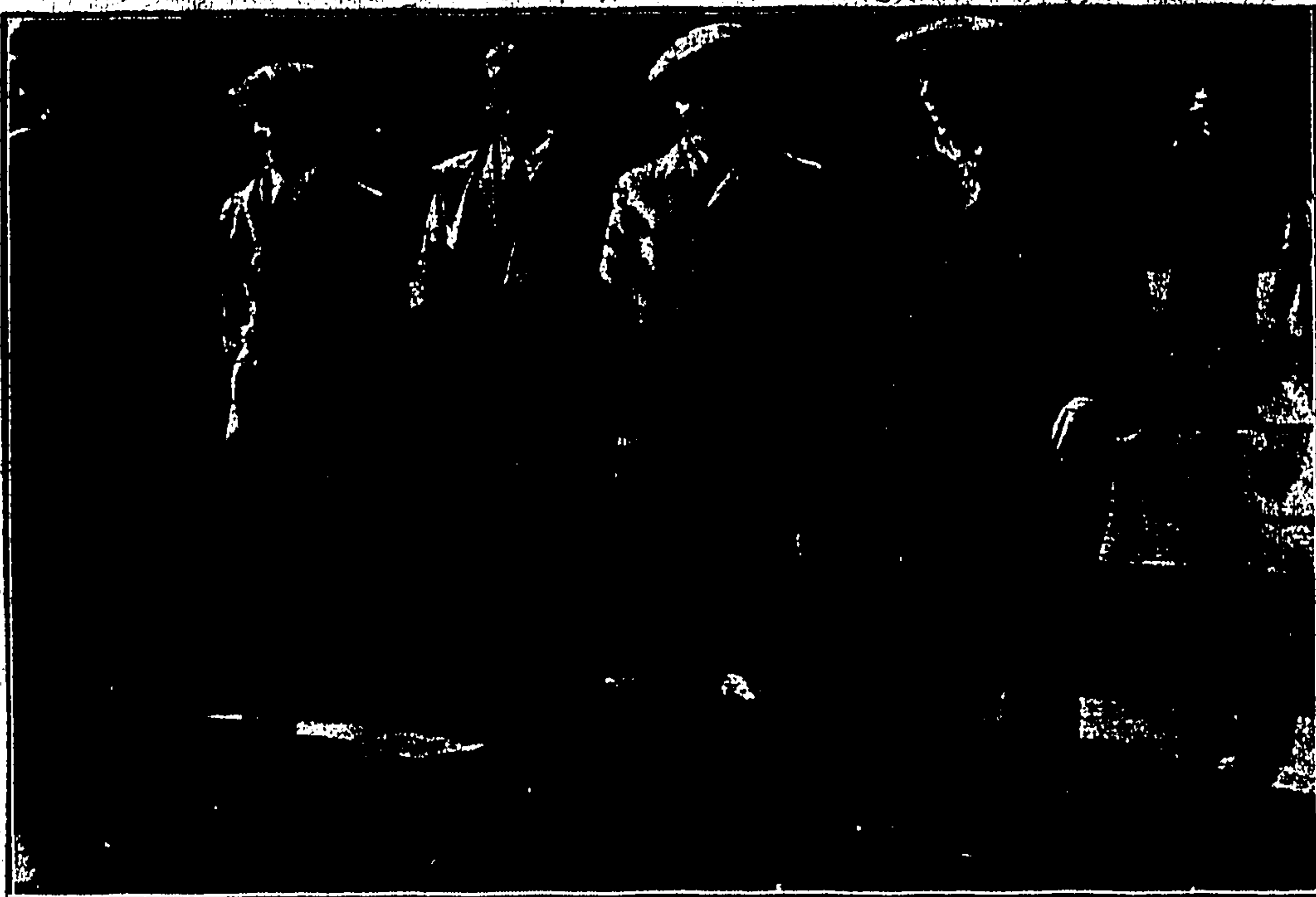
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TO-MORROW: Shirley Temple, Jack Oakie, Charlotte Greenwood in
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Ernest F. Baker, Harry Drew, Harry G. T. Gardiner and Timothy Higgins, leaving Buckingham Palace after receiving the O.B.E. Baker, Drew and Gardiner received their awards for rescuing four men from a disused gasholder after it had been hit by a bomb. Higgins for putting out a gasholder fire, at risk of his life, after it had been hit by a bomb. They are all gas company employees. (Copyright, Fox).

FRANCE CONTINUES ITS RESISTANCE

RESISTANCE TO THE Germans in France is taking many forms, and the lot of the Germans is not being made easy or pleasant.

Neutrals recently in France tell of the cold indifference with which the German oppressors are treated. The German is made to feel everywhere that his presence is loathsome. The French in most cases feign not to see the Germans among them. A woman on meeting a German looks down at the pavement, a man, if his eyes for a moment catch those of a German, gives a glance of cold contempt. The French break no law imposed by the Germans, but the German is made to feel everywhere that he is an intruder, that he is a brute and a savage in a highly civilised land where he has penetrated as much by ruse as by strength. The intruder is made to feel keenly that inferiority complex from which all Germans suffer.

Schoolboys as they pass a German whistle the refrain of the calling-signal of Radio-Paris. This is not an offence, for it is a well known old French tune; but every schoolboy shows clearly as he whistles it that he is thinking of the parody broadcast by the Free French in London: "Radio-Paris ment, car il est allemand" (Radio-Paris lies, for it is German).

In a thousand nooks and corners of every town, in railway carriages, waiting rooms, on hoardings, small printed labels warn the passer-by that the so-called collaboration dear to German hearts means nothing more nor less than domination by Germany and the handing over of France to the thieving Nazis. One label reads, "Our only hope is in a British victory—work for it." A very frank invitation to "hang the traitors Laval, Darlan, Deat, Frol, Marquet and all others of the sinister band of Paris or Vichy" is to be found near other labels bearing the simple words, "Vive la France! Vive l'Angleterre! Vive de Gaulle!"

Slipped into her hand by a youth or girl, who gives a friendly nod, the French housewife who has just left a food queue grips a pamphlet which she hides until she gets home: "Propos en Liberté" is its title. It contains bitingly sarcastic, witty comments on the big issues of the day. It tells the reader that it is perfectly true that France with Nazi aid will be completely "remade," but everyone knows the other meaning of the word is "awindled." The other contents are similarly apt, and while each contains harsh criticism of the German masters and those few misguided French who believe that resistance is meaningless, it also carries a message of hope. A footnote says, "If you have enjoyed this pamphlet, pass it on and cheer up someone else a bit and—Vive la France!"

A recent broadcast of a speech by the eighty-four-year-old Marshal Petain revealed another form of resistance. This is greatly exaggerated applause every time a word or phrase used by the opposition is uttered. Every time the Marshal in his speech at Grenoble used the word "France," the applause was terrific. Wild clapping interrupted sentences at places where the applause changed the sense intended. "Some Frenchmen remain attached to the hope of a return..." but before he could proceed further his voice was drowned by thunderous applause. It was even greater when the aged Marshal said, "I am going to leave you." The unflattering microphone conveying the words of the Marshal and the sarcastic applause also conveyed his irritated asides, for he was distinctly heard to exclaim to those near him, "Surely they are doing it on purpose."

HELP FOR HOMING PIGEONS

Peregrine falcons may now be destroyed by authorised persons in the counties of Cumberland and Westmorland by order of the Air Ministry. Their eyries may also be raided and their eggs taken. The birds were already under a similar sentence in the neighbouring county of Dumfries and the south western districts of Scotland.

The reason for the official war on peregrines is now well known. The peregrine's favourite diet is pigeon, and he is no respecter of the home, carrying despatches from R.A.F. aircraft over the sea to shore stations. Such messages have been on many occasions the means of saving the lives of airmen; but on some other occasions messages have remained undelivered. The messenger had gone to the falcon's lair.

A glance at the map will show the importance of securing the coasts of Westmorland and Cumberland from such mischance. Now that the Battle of the Atlantic has opened in earnest many more long range flying boats of the R.A.F. are constantly patrolling the shipping routes far out over the ocean. Occasionally it is necessary for an aircraft to send home news of its position or other information as quickly as possible. The pigeon may provide the best or only means.

After release, with its message securely fastened to its leg, the bird often has a hard struggle to make a landfall against heavy rain or head winds. Some birds have been known to battle successfully against a blizzard.

When it crosses the coast after such a flight a carrier pigeon is in poor condition to evade the downward rush of a falcon patrolling above the cliffs.

On a ledge below the cliff edge the falcon's eyrie is already tenanted, and if left undisturbed will soon be occupied by two young peregrines with daily growing appetites.

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This is acknowledged both vocally and by a small signal lamp. The crew then wait for the final order, "Abandon aircraft. Ready. Ready. Go."

The tail gunner leaves first, followed by the wireless operator, the observer, the second pilot and, lastly, the captain. They go either through the escape hatch or the side door.

When the rear gunner goes "over the side," he first reaches behind him for his parachute, clamping it on to two hooks on his chest. He then lifts the escape hatch, at the same time taking off his helmet and so getting himself free of the flex of the inter-communication system.

If he takes a header or has his legs curled he will probably go somersaulting down and get tangled up in the cords of the parachute; so he is careful to go feet first, with his legs straight. He has no sensation of falling

Miniature Parachute

Immediately a miniature parachute flies out, and if the gunner does not hold his head well back he may get a blow on the jaw, when the small parachute is caught by the wind and drags out the main parachute.

A jerk on his shoulders tells him that the parachute is open. There is still hardly any sensation of movement; he feels suspended in the air; but the noise of the engines has gone and there is complete peace and silence.

By reaching up and manipulating the cords, he can "spill" the air from the parachute and guide his descent. When he reaches the ground he feels about as much shock as would be felt after

jumping from a ten foot wall. There is always the chance of getting a bad sprain, or he may hurt a rib if the parachute drags him along the ground.

To come down successfully in the sea needs skill and presence of mind. The feet hit the water first and the body goes straight down. The jumper must act swift to get his harness off and dive underneath the canopy of the parachute. Then there will be either a swim to land or a long cold wait until he is picked up.

In a parachute jump almost anything can happen. A wireless operator, for instance, had an alarming experience when he tried to leave his aircraft by the side door. Somehow he stuck in the door. The engines were spluttering ominously, he made a desperate effort, squeezed his way out, jumped, and then heard the door snap to behind him. There was a sudden jerk—the door in closing had caught his coat. The force of the airstream eventually opened the door and he dropped clear. As he hung from the aircraft he lost all count of time.

Fell Like A Log

The same wireless operator had to jump on another occasion. This time the rip-cord came away in his hand. He fell like a log until he was about a thousand feet from the ground.

He had kept his head and as he dropped he clawed and dragged at the parachute case with his fingers. Eventually he got the small parachute out and the wind did the rest, but only just in time. As it was he landed with such force that his ankle was badly sprained.

When the captain of another aircraft gave the order to bale out, the fuselage door refused to open. Only a few minutes remained before an inevitable crash. The crew tugged and pulled for their lives, but the pressure of the slip-stream held the door fast. At last they managed to get it open. One after another they sat down on the step and let themselves drop feet first.

The wireless operator had an anxious moment when he found he was falling into a dense wood. He just managed to pull the cords and guide the parachute so that he skimmed the tops of the trees and landed in a field.

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HORIZONTAL

- River in Prussia
- Music: soft
- To weary
- Card game
- Not obvious
- Turkish officer
- Tangled
- Overjoyed
- Goddess of discord
- Comparative ending
- To extend over
- Vehicle
- The largest part
- Part of a circle
- List of articles
- Chinese measure
- Grove
- God of war
- Colloquial: rather
- Ames
- Dance step
- College official
- English river
- Card game
- Half-an-hour
- Musical composition

VERTICAL

- Shade tree
- New Zealand bird
- Drunkard
- Wharf
- Pointed out
- Article
- By birth
- Heraldic bearing

9 Plump

- Eon
- To wander
- Number
- Protection
- Convened
- Vegetable dish
- Lofty self-esteem
- Symbol for actinium
- Emplacements for artillery
- King of Bashan
- Poisonous shrub
- To make fun of
- Mongrel
- French river
- To begin again
- Interjection
- Trap
- 3-1416
- Pole
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NAZI DEFEAT VITAL TO U.S. STANDARDS

A GERMAN VICTORY not only would lower the American standard of living and strike a heavy blow at American agriculture, but it may also seriously harm the country's fundamental political institutions, the United States Government frankly and officially declares in an unemotional analysis of totalitarian war aims.

A warning to this effect is carried in the latest issue of the Commerce Department's "Foreign Commerce Weekly," which frankly states that a German victory would in all probability, result in "a substantial narrowing of the field for free enterprise" and "a fundamental change in the conditions under which we shall have to carry on foreign trade."

Written by Louis Domeratzky, Chief of the European Unit of the Division of International Economy of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, the report states that American merchants would be unable to make plans for import or export trade without previous agreement with a German or German-controlled organisation.

Lower Living Standards

"While it is impossible to foresee all the economic and social repercussions of the German plans, it is safe to predict that, if consummated, they would bring about an acceleration in the tempo of economic change in the United States and might force us into a policy of self-sufficiency, involving, temporarily at least, a lowering of our living standards. A German success would undoubtedly necessitate more fundamental changes in our agricultural production on a more or less permanent basis," the report holds.

"It would lower the efficiency of some of our manufacturing industries by curtailing the prospects of exports and thereby reducing the rate of utilisation of plant capacity. If it should also restrict our access to foreign raw materials sufficiently to justify our resorting to artificial substitutes, it would mean a higher raw-material cost for our industries, as well as a reduced purchasing power and, therefore, a poorer market for our products, in the raw-material-producing countries. And, finally, if we should be compelled to adopt economic self-sufficiency as a national policy, it would involve a degree of economic planning that might seriously affect some of our fundamental political institutions."

The German Policy

The Commerce Department bases its predictions on a detailed study of Germany's actions in the conquered countries and upon the official Nazi ideology as expressed in writings and in the statements of responsible officials. This ideology provides for a Germany which will not only dictate the economic life of the European continent but will also be able to extend its influence beyond the seas, particularly to Latin America.

"The 'new order' envisaged by the National Socialists would be based primarily on economic self-sufficiency up to a point at which the sacrifices involved in the autarchic methods of production would make it impossible to maintain the population at the proper level of existence.

"Since a self-sufficiency policy cannot be carried out by a small country, it follows that the small countries are expected by the Germans to come into the sphere of influence of the dominating country, as a part of its 'Lebensraum' (living space) and to help to supply the basis for the large-scale economy (Grossraumwirtschaft).

Dominated By Nazis

"One of the most significant implications of this German assumption is that no member of the economic bloc should be allowed to pursue a policy of variance with the basic economic policy laid down by the dominating country, and consequently that Europe used to take from us there can be no room in such a bloc for an international relation—such circumstances would pro-

ship based on reciprocal economic advantages as conceived by the separate individuals or countries." Among the other economic changes which the Germans are said to be planning are the permanent elimination of the gold standard, the establishment of a great European economic clearing centre in Berlin and the increased participation of German capital in the industrial life of the subject European nations.

"Another economic development which has taken place during the war and is of great significance as a preparation for the German-sponsored postwar economic order, is the increased participation of German capital in the industrial and other enterprises of the occupied and neutral countries of Europe.

Political Means

"This has been accomplished not only through political means, such as the 'Aryanisation' programme (transfer of Jewish property to German 'Aryans') and other forms of pressure, but also by the purchase of securities as in the case of the transfer of control of the B O R copper mine of Yugoslavia from French to German hands, the acquired participation in certain Belgium and Dutch iron and steel plants, the French rayon plants, Rumanian oil properties, and other transactions—the full extent of which cannot be ascertained at present owing to the fact that in many cases non-German intermediaries are evidently employed.

"German commercial houses scattered all over the world are also expected to increase in importance and to maintain much closer relations with the German Government. In some cases German houses have already taken over certain lines formerly handled by the occupied countries, and, if the German economic domination on the continent should be established on a more permanent basis, it may be expected that this will occur even more frequently.

"If the Reich should win the war, its domination of the industrial countries of the European continent might place at its disposal sufficient reserves of manufactured goods after the war to eliminate to some extent the need for credit. A strong appeal on that basis would be made to Latin America, as Germany would be particularly anxious to resume its relations with that part of the world, for economic and other reasons.

Programme For Americans

"In this effort, the Reich might be assisted by the desire of the Latin American countries to regain their markets in Europe and to obtain certain European products, as well as by the activities of the German commercial houses whose relative position may be strengthened by the elimination of some of their European rivals.

"It is also to be assumed that, if National Socialist plans were effectuated, a similar appeal would be made to the United States on the basis of the European need for our cotton, corn, food, and other products, and perhaps for our petroleum products and other raw materials, and to take from us there can be no room in such a bloc for an international relation—such circumstances would pro-

PILOT RAN FOR HIS LIFE

A Hurricane pilot, a D.F.C., forced down in No-Man's-Land between the German and Anglo-Greek lines saw another R.A.F. plane circling above him, intending to land to pick him up.

He waved it away. He knew a German patrol was hunting him.

"Then I sprinted as hard as I could," said the pilot.

He ran three miles across rough ground with the Germans after him. The pilot added:

"I must have been running about fifteen minutes and was just about dead beat when an Australian patrol found me and exchanged shots with the Germans."

bably be a combination of credit and some form of barter, but the trade would be strictly controlled on the European side and might, therefore, necessitate corresponding controls on our part."

To-day the Ruhr Coal Syndicate controls the output of the Dutch and Belgian coal fields and the marketing of coal for France. This is but one example of the move toward that European economy based on Germany which the German press recently declared would be established to promote large-scale enterprise and inaugurate an age when "economic idylls will soon vanish." This will presumably be as soon as they have served Herr Hitler's purpose of delivering Europe from democracy.

Duplicity In Propaganda

In agriculture, the Third Reich probably made its most sincere attempt to apply its Nazi theories. And because of its possible appeal to the farmers of the countries concerned and because of the high degree of self-sufficiency which its success would mean to a German-controlled Europe, it is essential to realise the duplicity of their propaganda in this respect.

For while the Nazis are promising to bolster up peasant farms in Southeast Europe, they are actually planning to make modern methods take their place. The Nazi policy of raising the domestic price level for agricultural products from Southeast Europe above the world price level made these countries more dependent upon Germany.

Despite the peasant's instinctive fear of German domination, such a policy succeeded since the prices of corn and pigs interested him more than what appeared to be abstruse problems of foreign policy. Here was the early stages of that economic control of a large section of agricultural Europe, which was later extended to Poland, Denmark, and Holland, first by invasion and then by confiscation of crops and animals. But always the aim is the same—to reduce the chance of the subjugated peoples from freeing themselves from the Nazi yoke.

German speeches have recently been full of talk about lowering customs barriers, adjusting Europe's monetary and financial system under Berlin's supervision, and paint a picture of Europe as a single commercial trading unit in its economic, financial, and commercial relations with the outer world.

But German domination of the greater part of Europe has already caused disastrous lowering of standards of living, and untold suffering, and unless the peoples of the subjugated countries have lost all ideas of liberty and independence it is impossible not to realise that disruption and allocation of Europe's financial and economic resources rather than unity must result from German hegemony.

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WORK IN WAR AND PEACE

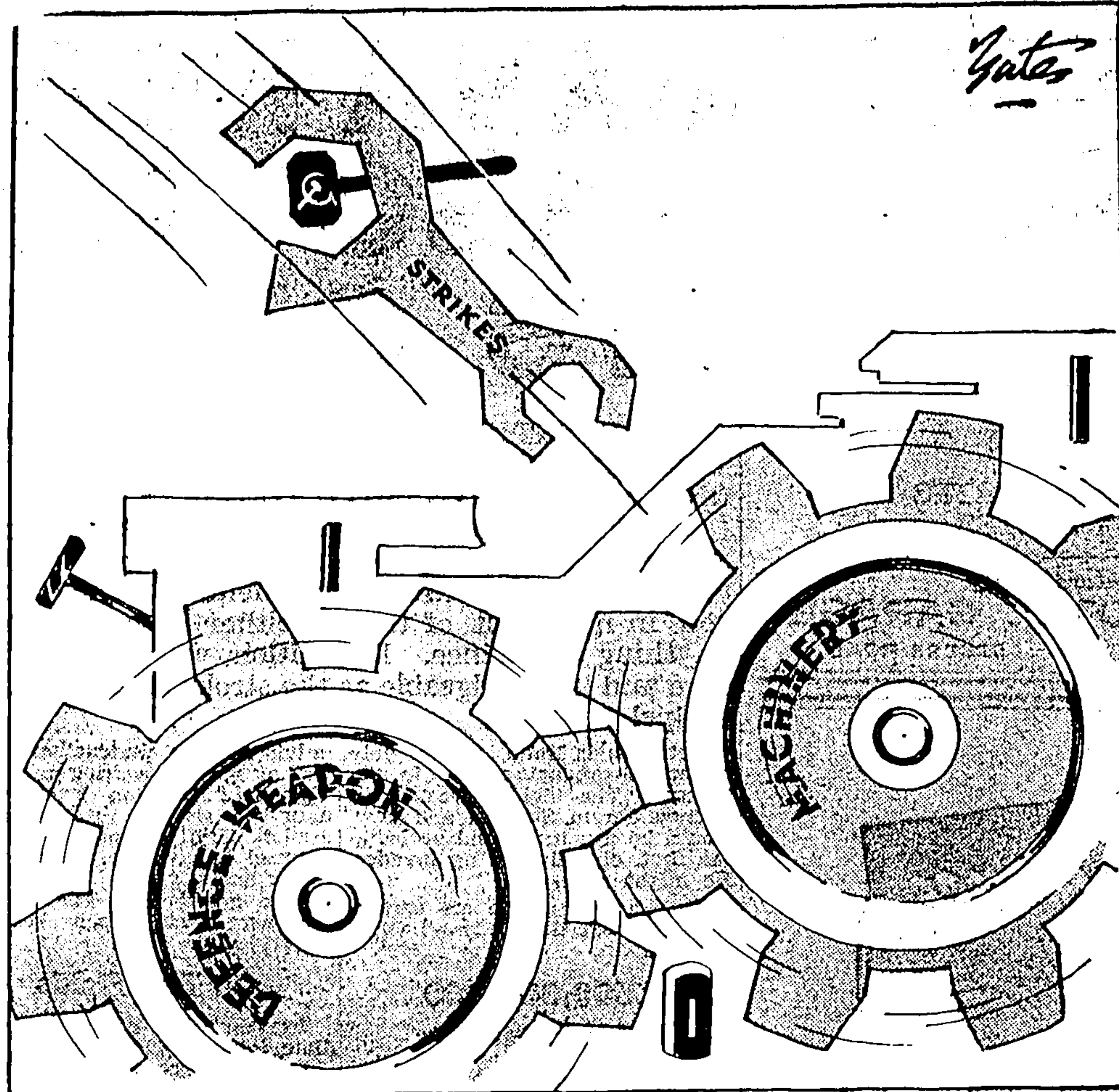
The most persistent social problem of pre-war Britain was that of unemployment, which vexed one government after another and was solved by none. But under the conditions of total war the problem has vanished, and is replaced by another — how to get enough labour to feed the war-machine.

So acute has become the shortage of workers for the munitions factories that Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour, is registering women and has taken steps to divert men to more essential jobs. As the organisation for war becomes complete there are no limits to the number of workers who can be absorbed.

It might seem then that the quickest and surest way to stop unemployment, though a costly one, is to have a war. All the surplus men and women get employed as fighting men, or as munition workers, or on other war jobs. All get wages which feed, house, and clothe them. There is no want, though there may be plenty of discomfort.

Unemployment is abolished in war-time by intensive organisation which turns on one-half of the Nation to work harder than usual in producing really useful things and the other half to work equally hard in producing things not useful for any purpose except that of defeating the enemy. The time will come when a great part of war-occupation will cease. Will that mean unemployment and consequent poverty? If poverty, how absurd, since there will be not less food available, or clothes, or houses, but on the contrary more people to produce them.

Fortunately the danger is foreseen. It consists not in future lack of wealth-producing power, but in disorganisation and bad distribution. A nation keyed up to intensive production under war organisation must have its post-war efforts guided for some time to come so that the men released from fighting or munitions may gradually be absorbed in wealth-making activities. The experience of total war-production should point ways to total peace-production.



GUMMING UP THE WORKS.

The Battle Of The United States

What men call the decisive battle of this war has been constantly moving westward. Once it was the battle for Poland; and then the deadlock on the western front; and then the fight for France; and then the air struggle over Britain; and then the Battle of the Atlantic. But now it has become the Battle of the United States. For it is altogether clear that this war will be settled by the decision of the people of the United States.

That battle is going on. The people are honestly and deeply divided. A great many of them for some time have seemed to say that while they do not relish the prospect of getting into war, they would be ready to go to war if that action is necessary to prevent Britain's downfall. Another group, apparently a minority, seemed to object to American participation in the war at any cost. Some are not willing to commit themselves. If it is true that a majority would finally go to war if such action alone can prevent Nazi victory and British ruin, then they need to be told when that moment has arrived.

If a majority does not take the foregoing view, then it is time the British were told. For if the American people are not ready ultimately to go to war to insure that their aid of these months past will not have been fruitless, then the British people ought to know it before their sacrifices become greater.

American opinion is obviously in evolution. The problem is how far and how fast it is moving. It might be an historic tragedy to ask Americans for their decision on war participation too early. But it would be a far greater tragedy to deceive the gallant British people.

President Roosevelt is a great master of timing. Often he has waited for suspense to build up, waited until the suspense was almost more than men could bear. Invariably he has found that such waits were good political strategy. But he has never gambled for such high stakes before. He has never before chosen to wait with the fate of the world in the balance.

Very few Americans believe that Britain can win the war without American participation. Most of them think that with the help of this nation ultimate victory could be achieved. But the fateful decision still hangs fire. Why?

First, because the decision is of such overwhelming magnitude. People still hope against hope that there may be some other way. Second, because the Germans

have not committed any tangible act of aggression against the United States.

Third, because of confusion: many elements oppose participation for reasons not always honest, not always dishonest, not always patriotic, not always unpatriotic, not always relevant.

Fourth, because not enough Americans realise that their own

By Erwin D. Canham

ways of life are at stake and are challenged.

Fifth, because a very able campaign by the shrewdest mental attackers and disrupters that this generation has ever seen is being directed against the American people. Other nations have felt the secret weapon. Now we are feeling it. And many are duped thereby.

Illusions Dispelled

It can be said of the American people, and said truthfully, that they do not long permit themselves to remain under mesmeric influences or under vain illusions.

There remains the hope, not as reassuring as it may have been a month ago, that actual participation by the land and sea forces of

By Frank L. Perrin

the United States in the battles of Britain and the Atlantic may not be necessary. But nothing short of such participation can be seen, or reasonably hoped for, if the ravages of the Axis forces are to be stopped, unless some unforeseen disaster overtakes the aggressor.

Until now, despite convincing evidence, Americans have refused to estimate or failed to comprehend the power and strength of Britain's enemies. Until now, also, despite accumulating proofs, equally convincing, the people of the United States have failed to comprehend or properly appraise the strength and influence of the passive sympathisers, within the country, who lend some degree of aid and comfort to the common enemy. In this category there are not included those who have hoped, and still hope, that actual participation in the war may not be necessary. These only are included who are more sympathetic with or loyal to the ambitions of those who would destroy where

Miasma and confusion, honest doubts and fears, lack of timely leadership, have all dominated American thinking in recent weeks. These are the casualty lists of the Battle of the United States. At the same time, many have fought on the side of ultimate freedom in this battle. They are a majority, if they but know it. So were the nations of Europe which have subsequently become victims and prisoners. The American majority which can really win this battle needs but to stand firm, to stand together.

The aggressor is already trying to separate the American people just as he ate Europe artichoke-wise. That is the meaning of the intense confusion of recent weeks. Infiltration, penetration by a new kind of armoured column has already begun. We are already being invaded.

For Americans, the question has become a matter of American survival. Enemy action in this Battle of the United States has already partly blinded or blurred our own realisation of these facts. It is a serious decision. But upon it rests the hope of a free world.

peaceful, humble, God-fearing people have builded.

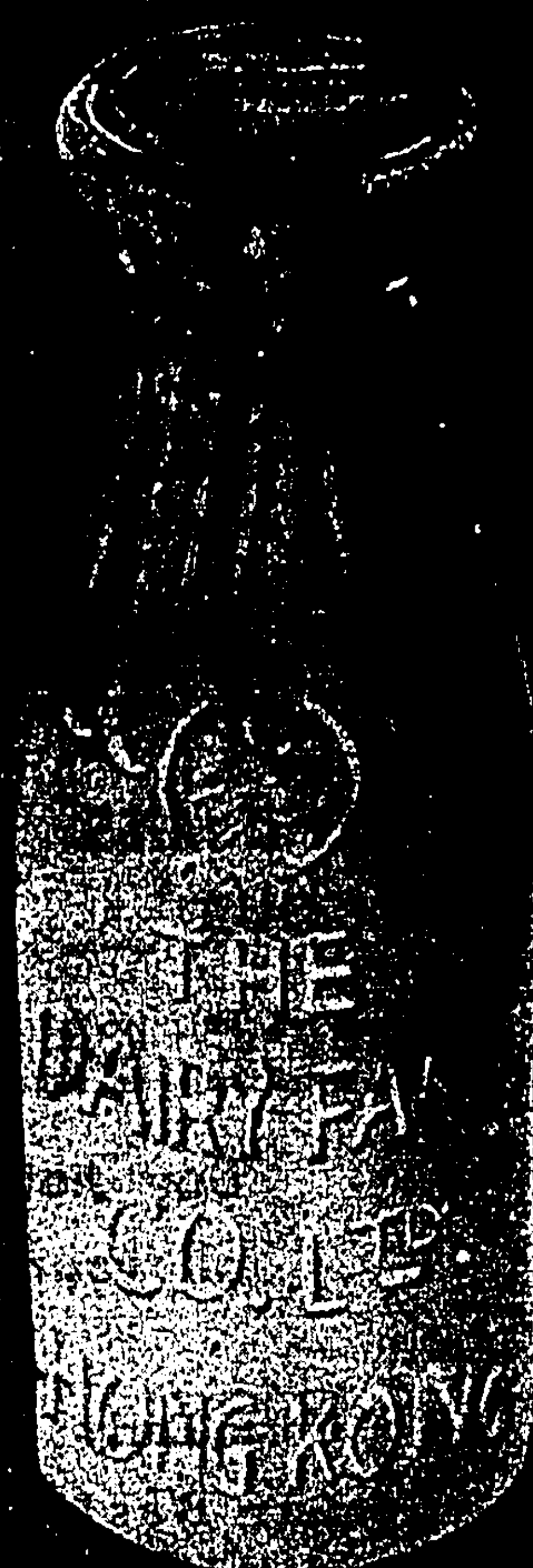
To the American thought such sympathy, expressed or secretly harboured, is not understandable. And yet the influences of nationalism are persistent. Are we to discover that they are eradicable? Too long, it may be, there has been perpetuated, if not fostered, the age-old fallacy that rivalries, often selfish, have separated Britain and the Americas. It may, in the light thus revealed, be the more readily understood why the children and grandchildren of once alien races cling to the national and racial hatreds and sympathies which, in time of war, find some form of expression.

A year ago it would have been regarded as ridiculous just as a month ago it would have seemed to have been alarmist, to have intimated that, in the event of actual participation by the United States in the war, the greatest peril would lie in the subversive and disloyal elements and influences within. It is difficult to believe, and it would be equally difficult to prove such a premise to-day. Yet as the known and realisable weaknesses of America's internal defence structure are appraised, their vulnerability is realised. We comprehend and admit this vulnerability. But we have not yet measured, or perhaps we have not dared to concede, the potential power of the subversive forces within.

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Nobody wants the pools themselves to be irretrievably lost. Certainly, the Netherlands Indies government doesn't. Oil is a valuable natural resource. Neither do the private American and British companies which produce and refine it. Their investment, in exploration, drilling and equipment is estimated at \$500,000,000.

Besides, army opinion is that most of the fields can be defended, or at least re-taken in the long run.

Therefore, the problem is to cripple them without forever destroying them, to leave no oil for the immediate use of an enemy, and to sabotage the whole industry so completely that years would elapse before production could be resumed.

In short, to paralyse the golden egg-laying goose without actually killing it.

The army has ordered the sabotage plan. But methods and details, which vary in different fields, have been left in the hands of engineers themselves. The plans have all been approved. The army has the authority to give the signal for demolition.

Roads Are Few

A survey of the Java fields shows the outlines of the picture, in case of war in the Indies.

Only a few roads connect the various oil areas with the coastline or key cities. In many places they are cut through impenetrable jungle. If those roads are choked an invading army would have to hack and haul its way forward.

Avenues of big trees lining the highways have been deeply notched. The notches are filled with rocks now. They will be filled with dynamite if the "zero hour" comes. The trees, hundreds of them, will be dropped across the roads. Bridges will be dynamited.

At strategic points, towering wooden platforms have been built. They are filled with rock. The structure can be tipped over by hand. Any one of them would drop a huge pile of debris on the road.

The terrain nearby is pitted with machine-gun nests.

If Attack Comes

Suppose the attack starts—Nearby oil fields get an immediate warning and orders to stand by. Constant radio communication is opened. Demolition machinery—guarded to-day by special military garrisons—will be locked into position. The garrisons go on the alert for parachute troopers and fifth columnists.

Meanwhile destruction crews get ready. They are all Americans or Europeans. Each man has a particular task, knows exactly where he fits into the whole scheme. These men are the only ones in each field who know the plan. Even in a neighbouring field, the engineers have not been informed of the programme next door.

At the last moment, a few natives will be called for simple manual labour. Engineers said "Just a few men are necessary. If the army is forced back and defences around the fields become

untenable, the destruction signal will go back to waiting engineers. They will be given exactly an hour to set the machinery in motion. Until recently, the army planned to give them from three to six hours' grace. Defences now are so greatly strengthened that the margin has been reduced, experts said.

In The Fields

In the fields, action is immediate, intense.

One man goes for the refinery. The boilers there are dry. He lights the jets, puts them at full pressure. In less than 45 minutes, oil and gasoline in the "stills" will have exploded and the plant will be a mass of flames.

By that time, fuel will be gushing from punctured storage tanks, outside. The tanks go sky-high with the first wandering spark.

Pipe lines and conduits that carry the crude oil to refineries or distant harbours will be shattered, both by explosives and manual labour.

The wells themselves present several different problems.

Here is a field with "flowing wells," where the oil is close to the surface, and pushed out by natural gas pressures. Dynamite won't work here. The explosions would merely rip away the earth-covering, letting the oil flow more freely. It might start a fire which would burn to the last drop of oil, the last puff of gas. There is very little modern equipment in the Indies for fighting a major oil fire. What there is, oil men said, will not be left for an enemy to use.

A Double Weapon

So in that particular field two weapons are ready—cement to seal the wells, and tools to smash the machinery.

Elsewhere, in fields where the pools are deeper and without natural pressure, the problem is easier. There it will only be a question of destroying the pumping engines.

Important element in the whole sabotage programme is replaceable machinery.

Most of it comes to-day from the United States. There are no heavy industries anywhere in the Far East manufacturing engines for petroleum production on a large scale. The only big iron-and-steel industry is in Australia.

Consequently expert opinion is that it would take a number of years before machine-making factories could be built, let alone the machines themselves.

They believe an invader might get the oil-site. He might, in some months' time, remove the cement seals, restore the main-gates, get the oil flowing again. (Without pumps, the deeper pools would be beyond his reach.)

But they claim he couldn't refine it, probably couldn't even collect the metal to erect a storage tank.

Replaceable machinery is considered the key, without which the doors to East Indian oil cannot be opened. In most cases, the machinery, but not the actual oil beneath the ground, will be destroyed.

"Because," oil experts say, "even if we lost it, we expect to get it back."

DOUBLE SHOOTING INQUEST

The inquest on Mrs. Mackinnon Gray, who, with her husband, a major, was found wounded at Chilcompton, near Bath, was adjourned at Midsummer, Norton, Somerset. The coroner said the police had to make further inquiries.

KNIGHTS (OF THE AIR) IN ARMOUR

A new bullet-proof armour for pilots, resembling a mediaeval coat of mail, has been developed in laboratories of the Breeze Corporation at Elizabeth, New Jersey, U.S.A.

It protects a pilot from his head to below his knees against machine-gun attack from the rear.

The armour which fits to the shape of the body, widens at the sides to give the pilot elbow-room and fits over his head like a monk's cowl. The weight is about 120lb. —Reuter.

SURGEON HERO OF RAID

A surgeon and a dock gateman who risked their lives to save others during air raids have been awarded the George Medal.

The surgeon, Dr. Harry Rum-bold Bathurst Norman, is resident assistant physician at St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

With Peter Bromley Maling, medical student, and Herbert Edwin Frewer, assistant clerk of works, who are also both awarded the George Medal, he helped to rescue two of the staff trapped when the hospital was bombed.

Gas was escaping, masonry falling incessantly, and acids in the dispensary had caught fire.

Frewer led the rescue party and Dr. Norman, assisted by Maling, burrowed into the debris to give morphia injections to the injured men.

Harold Rogers, dock gateman, of Wallasey, Cheshire, rescued three women and a child trapped in wreckage fired by incendiary bombs.

He twice crawled through burning debris amid spraying water. A few minutes after he had got them out the staircase under which the women had been sheltering collapsed in a blazing mass.

The M.B.E. is awarded to two women telephoneists, Ethel Betty Martin and Margaret Mary Hay, who, when an auxiliary fire station was set on fire, remained at their posts until the room became untenable, then established on their own initiative communication from a neighbouring kiosk.

B.F.R.D.C. DONATION

The Board of Administrators of the B.F.R.D.C. acknowledges with grateful thanks a donation of \$21,838.81 from the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club to this fund, representing 50% of the surplus of the Special Sweep on the Canton Handicap, 1941.

AMERICAN 'PLANES' WORK PRAISED BY AIR CHIEF

AMERICAN "FLYING FORTRESSES" are in successful operation in Royal Air Force raids over Germany, Major Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Corps, made known in Washington. He discussed advances in Army aviation in a speech before the Women's National Democratic Club.

General Arnold described the accomplishments of American 'planes, going far beyond the usually terse announcements issued by the War and Navy Departments. He said that Lockheed and Martin bombers were in regular British service and that the deadly Airacobra fighter was in production.

SET FREE BY THE NAVY

But for a broken-down machine, Mr. William Hawes, English manager of a Lofoten Island oil plant, would still be in a Nazi prison camp in Norway.

He was released to make the repairs, played cat's paw with the job, and was still at the factory when British troops raided the island and rescued him.

Now he has rejoined his wife in Leeds, where she has been staying with her youngest sister, never expecting to see her husband again until after the war.

"I had been in the prison camp for four months," he said. "Then the machine broke down, and as the Germans had no skilled men they released me on parole. I took as much time as I could over the repairs."

On Our Side

"The vast majority of Norwegians are wholeheartedly on our side. They hate the Germans, and they hate their own traitors of the Quisling movement even more."

"You even find fish bones in the bread. That is made from fish meal, too, and has a distinctive flavour of herring."

"The Norwegians refused to associate with the Nazis, even though they knew that Gestapo agents were watching every move and that they might be thrown into prison at any time. German officers paid weekly visits apparently to see that the morale of the rank and file of the army had not been affected by the cold shoulders of the islanders."

"The men in the factory were told that any act of sabotage or other resistance would mean an immediate firing squad."

"Things had become worse during the past few weeks. There are no boots or shoes for sale in the market town of the island."

"One Norwegian called his dog after the Nazi gauleiter—and kept bringing it to heel. He went to prison."

"Everybody in Norway waits coherently for the day of deliverance."

NEW VANSITTART ATTACK BY M.P.

ANOTHER ATTACK ON SIR ROBERT VANSITTART WAS MET BY A SPIRITED DEFENCE IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. Stokes (Soc., Ipswich), asking the Prime Minister whether, in view of the damage done to our cause by Sir Robert's broadcasts, he would appoint another diplomatic adviser, was given a flat "No" by the Lord Privy Seal.

The Minister added that he did not accept the allegations of damage to our cause contained in the question.

HORSE WAR HERO IS DEAD

A famous war-horse that fearlessly faced shot and shell throughout the last war and became known as "the horse the Germans couldn't kill," has been painlessly destroyed at Mottistone Manor, Isle of Wight, at the age of thirty-two.

He was Lord Mottistone's old horse, Warrior, which he and Sir John French used to ride during the 1914-18 campaign.

HALF A RUDDER, FLEW HOME

On one engine, and with half the rudder gone, an R.A.F. bomber came safely home from Germany after a collision with a Messerschmidt night fighter.

The Messerschmidt hit the engine, broke the radio and wounded one of the crew in the shoulder.

Then he attacked too boldly—the tip of his wing smashed into the bomber's rudder. Half the rudder came away, but the enemy dived steeply away, apparently to certain destruction.

"I suppose it was like a light car colliding with a steam roller," one of our crew said.

Got Rid Of Bomb

The bomber could not be got above 700ft. At the Dutch coast it was down to 500ft.

Then the crew discovered a heavy bomb still underneath. Anti-aircraft had disorganised the release apparatus.

To get at the bomb and jettison it they had to hack away part of the fuselage. As soon as the bomb was clear the pilot got up to 1,000ft. So they came home.

"GREAT DICTATOR" LAWSUIT

Damages of £1,250,000 are claimed from Charles Chaplin by Konrad Bercowicz, who alleges that he submitted the idea and the original plot for the film "The Great Dictator."

HERO DIDN'T LIKE TO TALK

Three weeks after she had kissed her fiancé goodnight as the sirens sounded, Emmy Gould, of Deptford, S.E.1, discovered that he was a hero.

"I was O.K.," was all the young man, William Carlier, who lives in Evelyn Street, Deptford, said next night.

But on his way home Bill had been doing quite a lot.

Shortly after he had left Emmy, Bill had seen a fire raging at a wood wharf. As he ran to the scene, a bomb exploded a short distance away.

But he went on to find a husband and wife trapped in the debris, with flames licking over their heads.

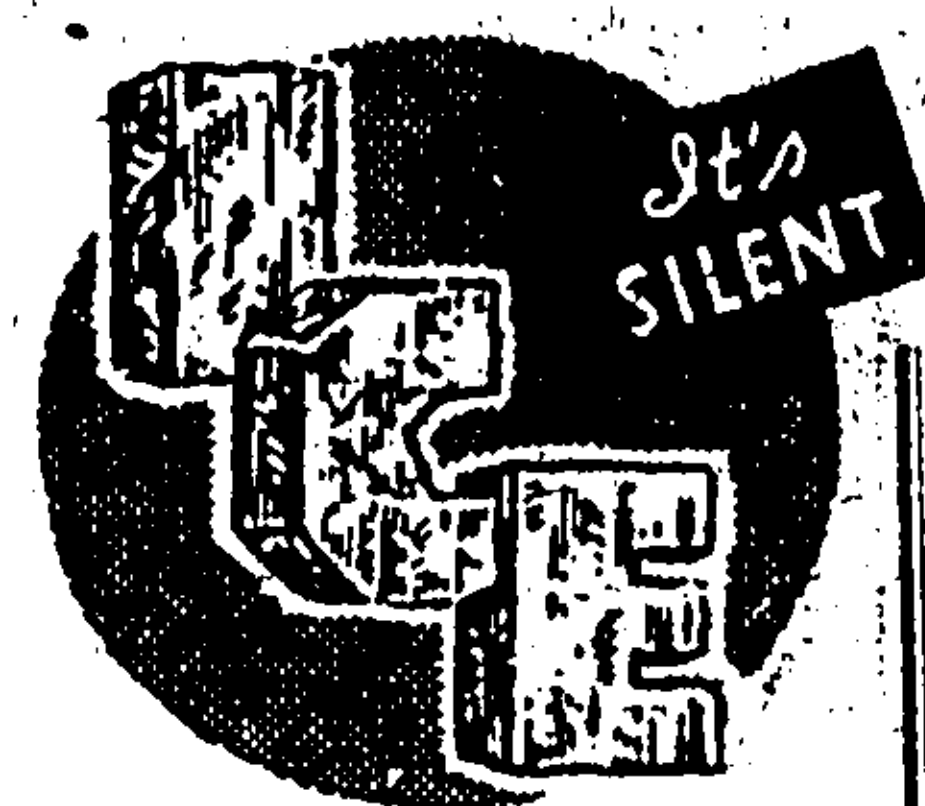
Bill clambered into the wreckage to the rescue and shouted to the firemen: "Play the hose on me, it's too warm."

Another bomb fell less than six yards away burying six A.R.P. men.

"I got the man and woman out," said Bill, "and then helped to drag some of the A.R.P. men out, but the smoke and the blow on the leg I received when a girder fell had made me dizzy, and they took me home in a car."

Bill smiled. "I don't believe in keeping secrets from the girl I'm going to marry, but I don't think she will mind this one. I just didn't want to upset her."

Emmy was at work on Saturday when a girl friend said to her: "Your Bill's a hero," and told her the story.



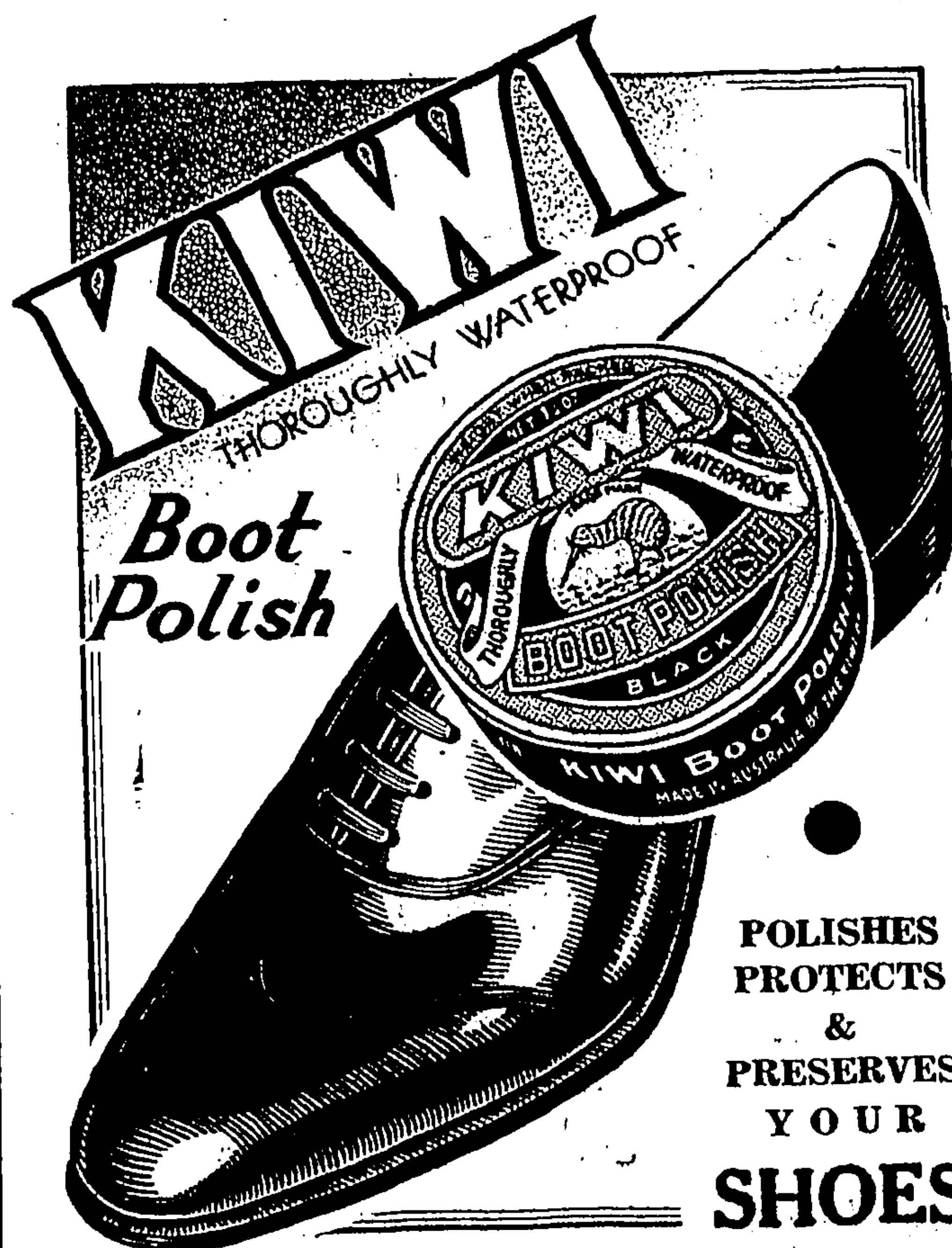
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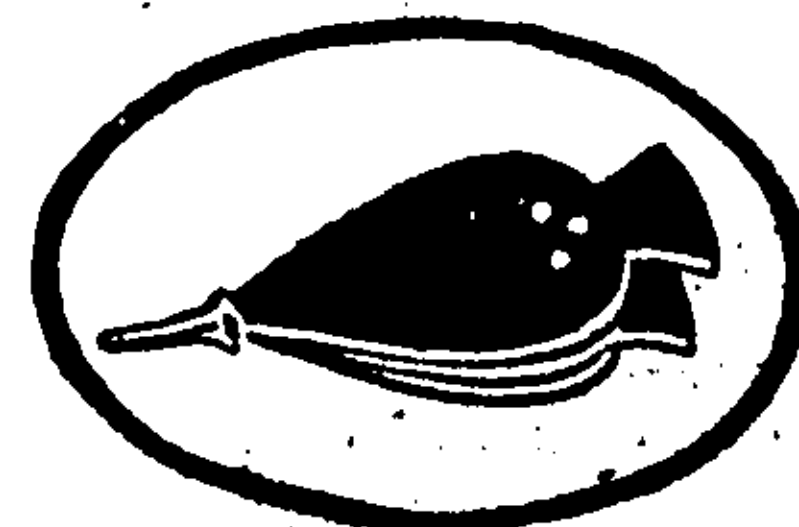
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4307	Chatham Road between San Lau Street and Pak Hung Street.	N. S. E. W.	As per sale plan	About 41,275	\$758 \$30,956

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2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4309	Junction of Ha Heung Road and Sheung Heung Road, To Kwa Wan.	N. S. E. W.	As per sale plan	About 4,960	\$82 \$3,720

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2856	Un Chau Street between New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 2834 and 2825, Cheung Sha Wan.	N. S. E. W.	As per sale plan	About 6,683	\$82 \$4,011

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STRETCHING TOO FAR

By The Four Aces

"Please settle a much-debated point for us," writes a St. Louis fan. "It all revolves about North's double raise in this hand:

West, Dealer Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ J 9
♥ Q J 10 8 7
♦ Q 7 6
♣ K 7 2

WEST

♠ A K 6 4
♥ 6 5
♦ K 8 2
♣ J 10 8 3

EAST

♠ Q 10 8 7 8 2
♥ 2
♦ J 6 4 3
♣ 6 5

SOUTH

♠ 6
♥ A K 9 4 3
♦ A 10 9
♣ A Q 9 4

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

"South lost a spade and a diamond—and his temper. He squawked to high heaven that North didn't have the semblance of a double raise.

"North maintained stoutly that his strong trump support and side strength were ample for a double raise after he had passed originally. He intended to double raise to invite game but had no idea at all of encouraging South to bid a Slam.

"We have agreed to accept your decision. Who was right?" South was right; North wasn't even close to a double raise. Despite the strong trumps, North had only two Queens, one King, and not even a singleton. With only fair distribution, a double raise must promise about average high-card strength — whether or not the bidder has passed originally.

The correct bid for North is a debatable point. Two hearts is best with a fine partner. An ultra-conservative partner may have to be nursed along with a "manufactured" bid of one spade (or two of a minor); to be followed, of course, by a heart raise, on the next round. But three hearts is much too strong a bid for the North hand under any circumstances.

* * *

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 10 7 5 2
♥ J 8
♦ A 6 3
♣ J 9 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenker	You	Maier
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	(7)	

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Partner must have three spades to the King or Queen together with enough strength to hope for a game. If his hand were a complete minimum he would pass at two no-trump.

Score 100% for four spades, 50% for pass, 40% for three no-trump.

Question No. 742

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A J 9 8
♥ J 7 4
♦ A 8 3
♣ J 9 4

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenker
1♥	Pass	(7)	

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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The gay young blade says life in the army would take on colour for him if he could just put the same feeling in a drill that he can in a dance.

FEARED SCENE AT FUNERAL OF NAZIS

TWO NAZI AIRMEN WERE BURIED IN A WEST COUNTRY CEMETERY RECENTLY NEAR MORE THAN THIRTY VICTIMS OF A RECENT RAID ON THE TOWN.

This was noticed by crowds at the cemetery gates and, fearing a demonstration, the authorities compelled the public to watch the funeral from a distant hilltop. R.A.F. men acted as bearers, and provided a firing party and a bugler to sound the Last Post. The two Nazis were killed when their plane crashed in flames during a week-end raid on Bristol.

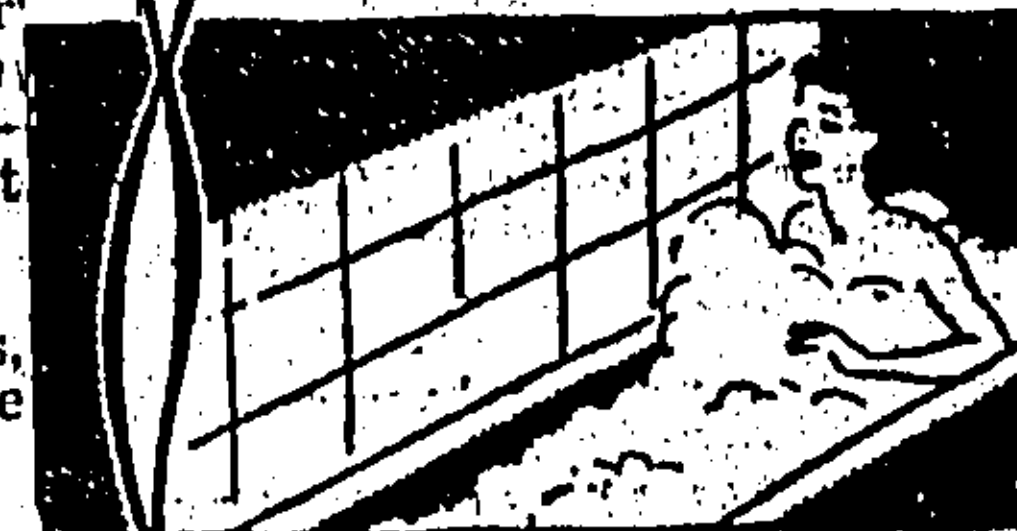
HE'S TELLING THEM

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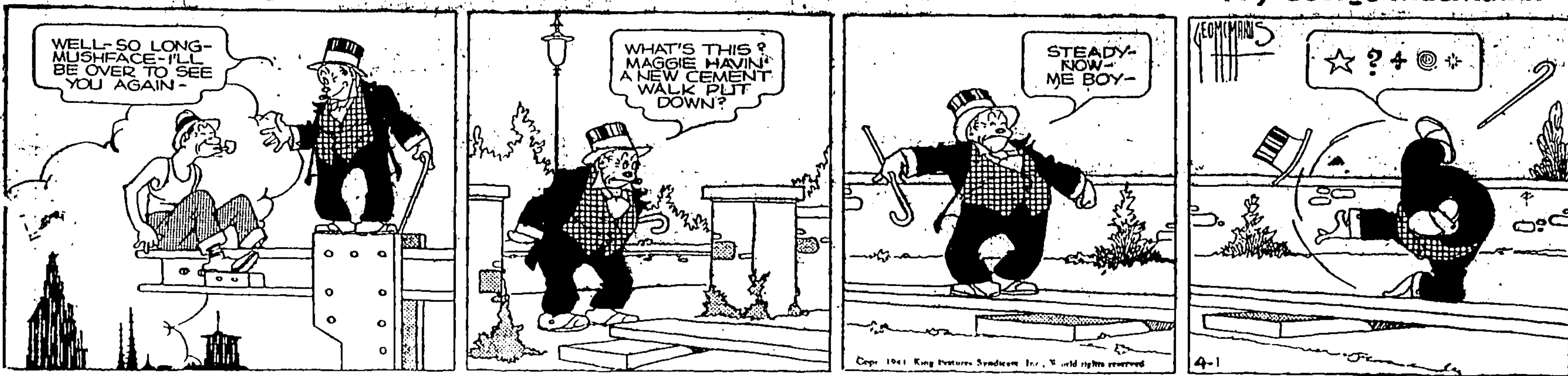
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Running Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Women Should Encourage Men To Exercise

One of the most thoughtful gifts you could give the man of your heart is a membership ticket to a gymnasium, class, bowling club, swimming pool or any other athletic organisation. It is a subtle way of telling him that you want him to exercise to keep healthy and you want him to have fun at the same time.

Summer months are confining months and it takes a deal of effort for a man to exercise at home in the morning before he goes to work or at the end of the day when he returns from work. But if he joins a group of "the fellows" who meet once or twice a week to bowl or swim or rustle dumb-bells, exercise becomes entertainment which isn't so hard to take!

Too many men lose their youthful appearance at an early age. Paunchy stomachs, sagging shoulders, and curving spines are very definite signs that the man is neglecting his health. And evening tiredness is another sure sign. If your man comes home, falls into an easy chair and goes to sleep immediately, you may be sure he needs a gymnasium work-out as much as he needs sleep and good food.

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

"Iolanthe"—Tripping Hither, Tripping Thither...Chorus of Girls with Orchestra.

"Trial by Jury"—For These Kind Words: When I, Good Friends...Leo Sheffield & Chorus. Swear Thous the Jury!...Arthur Hosking, George Baker, Derek Oldham, Leo Sheffield & Male Chorus. Where Is the Plaintiff?...Arthur Hosking, George Baker, Winifred Lawson & Chorus of Bridesmaids.

"The Yeomen of the Guard"—How Say You, Maiden, Will You Wed...Arthur Hosking, Winifred Lawson & George Baker. I've Jibe and Joke...George Baker. 'Tis Done! I Am A Bride!...Winifred Lawson (Soprano) with Orchestra.

"The Pirates of Penzance"—'Tis Mabel! Poor Wand'ring One...Elsie Griffin & Chorus of Girls. What Ought We To Do, Gentle Sisters, Say...Nellie Briercliffe & Nellie Walker. How Beautifully Blue the Sky...Elsie Griffin, Derek Oldham & Chorus of Girls.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Announcements.

1.02 p.m.—Humorous and Instrumental Variety.

Comedian—Are You Havin' Any Fun (from "The Little Dog Laughed")...Jack Warner & Sonny with Orchestra: Bunker Up Of Rat 'Oles...Jack Warner & Orchestra.

Banjo & Guitar Duets—Wedding Chimes (Reser): Medley of Stephen Foster Songs...The Brothers Bertini.

Comedienne—A Lady In Waiting (Park)...Florence Desmond with Orchestra.

Organ—Place Theatre Medley—Intro: She didn't say "yes" (Cat and the Fiddle); Night and Day (A Gay Divorce); You're the cream in my coffee (Hold Everything); Anything Goes (from same); Blue Room (The Girl Friend); Tea for Two (No, No, Nanette)...Reginald Foort.

Comedians—Big and Stinker's Moment Musical...Arthur Askey and Richard Murdoch.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Rossini—Overture "William Tell". Boston Promenade Orchestra conducted by Arthur Fiedler.

2.02 p.m.—Piano Duets.

Andantino Varié (In B Minor), Op. 84, No. 1 (Schubert)...Artur and Karl Ulrich Schnabel.

Waltz from Suite for Two Pianos, Op. 15 (Arensky)...Vronsky & Babin.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—A Sibelius Programme.

Festivo (Tempo Di Bolero) (No. 3 of "Scenes Historiques")...Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Humoresque No. 4...Henri Temianka (Violin) and the Temianka Chamber Orchestra.

Valse Triste...Barnabas Von Geczy & his Orchestra.

Romance Op. 24, No. 9...Eileen Joyce (Piano).

Symphonic Poem "The Oceanides", Op. 73...The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Announcements and Programme Summary.

8.02 p.m.—Popular Excerpts from Grand Opera.

Mignon—Overture (Thomas)...Vienna State Opera Orchestra.

Woman Is Fickle ("Rigoletto" Act 3—Verdi)...Jussi Bjorling (Tenor) with Orchestra.

"Damnation of Faust"—Rakoczy March (Berlioz)...Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

"Madam Butterfly" Act 2—One Fine Day (Puccini)...Rosetta Pampalini (Soprano) with Orchestra.

"Aida"—Grand March (Verdi)...The B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orch.

"Il Trovatore" Act 2—Look! how the Clouds—Anvil Chorus...Giuseppina Zinetti and Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with Symphony Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—The Sadler's Wells Orchestra with Violin Solos by Alfredo Campoli.

Serenade Espagnole (Chaminade, arr. Kriesler); Guitarre, Op. 45, No. 2 (Moszkowski, Sarasate)...Alfredo Campoli (Violin) with Piano acc.

"William Tell"—Ballet Music (Rossini)...Sadler's Wells Orchestra—cond. by Constant Lambert.

Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso (Saint-Saens, Op. 28)...Alfredo Campoli (Violin) and the London Symphony Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Tunaf of Not-So-Long-Ago.

1921/22—Intro: Ain't we got fun! Coal Black Mammy; Just for a while; Swance; Say it while dancing; Kitten on the Keys; Omaha Waltz; Sheik of Araby...New Mayfair Orchestra.

Frankie and Johnnie...Frank Crumit (Tenor) with Piano, Guitar and Clarinet.

Memories of Horatio Nicholls—Intro: Dream of Delight; Wyoming; Blue Eyes; Delilah; Shepherd of the Hills; Sunshine of Marseilles; Souvenirs; My Inspiration is you...New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

Chloe (Song of the Swamp)...The Radio Three with Their Rhythmic Escorts.

1923/24—Intro: Last night on the back porch...My sweetie went away; Wonderful one; Yes, we have no bananas; It ain't gonna rain no

Flak Like "Roman Candles"

"The 'flak' was intense and fairly accurate." This phrase has become almost hackneyed in R.A.F. pilots' reports of bombing attacks on targets in Germany and occupied France.

But there is nothing hackneyed about 'flak'. Ask any of the pilots, observers or other members of a bombing crew.

"No one who has not really seen it bursting around can quite understand what 'intense' and 'fairly accurate' means," said one pilot who took part in a recent raid on Brest harbour and aerodrome.

"It was bright moonlight when we took off. We climbed high above the clouds, which looked like snow-capped peaks. It was so clear that I could almost read the instrument dials by moonlight."

"The 'flak' started before we came over our target, but reach-

ed its peak as we dropped our bombs on the dockyard, the railway alongside and the aerodrome beyond.

"A searchlight stabbed at us. Then one gun flashed. In a few seconds the ground seemed alive with muzzle flashes."

"At such times the upcoming tracers look like great Roman candles. Balls of fire, gold and rosy tinted, curve over as they reach the end of their trajectory and start dropping, just like a lily stem bowed over by the weight of the flower. They seem to drift sideways as they curl upwards. Then they snuff out, one by one."

"Flaming onions" are slightly different. They are bigger and brighter fire balls which spiral up instead of rising in a line. It is hard, at first, to realise just how dangerous this 'flak' is.

"Jerry seems to be trying out new coloured varieties of searchlights which probe the dancing shellbursts."

"There is quite a galaxy of colour over Brest and the other 'invasion' ports these nights — much more spectacular than at any previous stage of the air war."

"But this kind of show is best appreciated on the way home. When the final run over the target has been made and the bombs released, and you can turn around and watch it all—then it really looks lovely."

COOLING UNDER FIRE

A South African fighter pilot, flying over enemy territory in Eritrea near Massawa found that his engine was heating up. He looked around for a landing ground, and came down to wait on the ground till his radiator cooled.

When he landed he was fired on by native enemy troops; but he remained on the ground until he was certain that the radiator had cooled enough; then he took off and returned safely to his base.

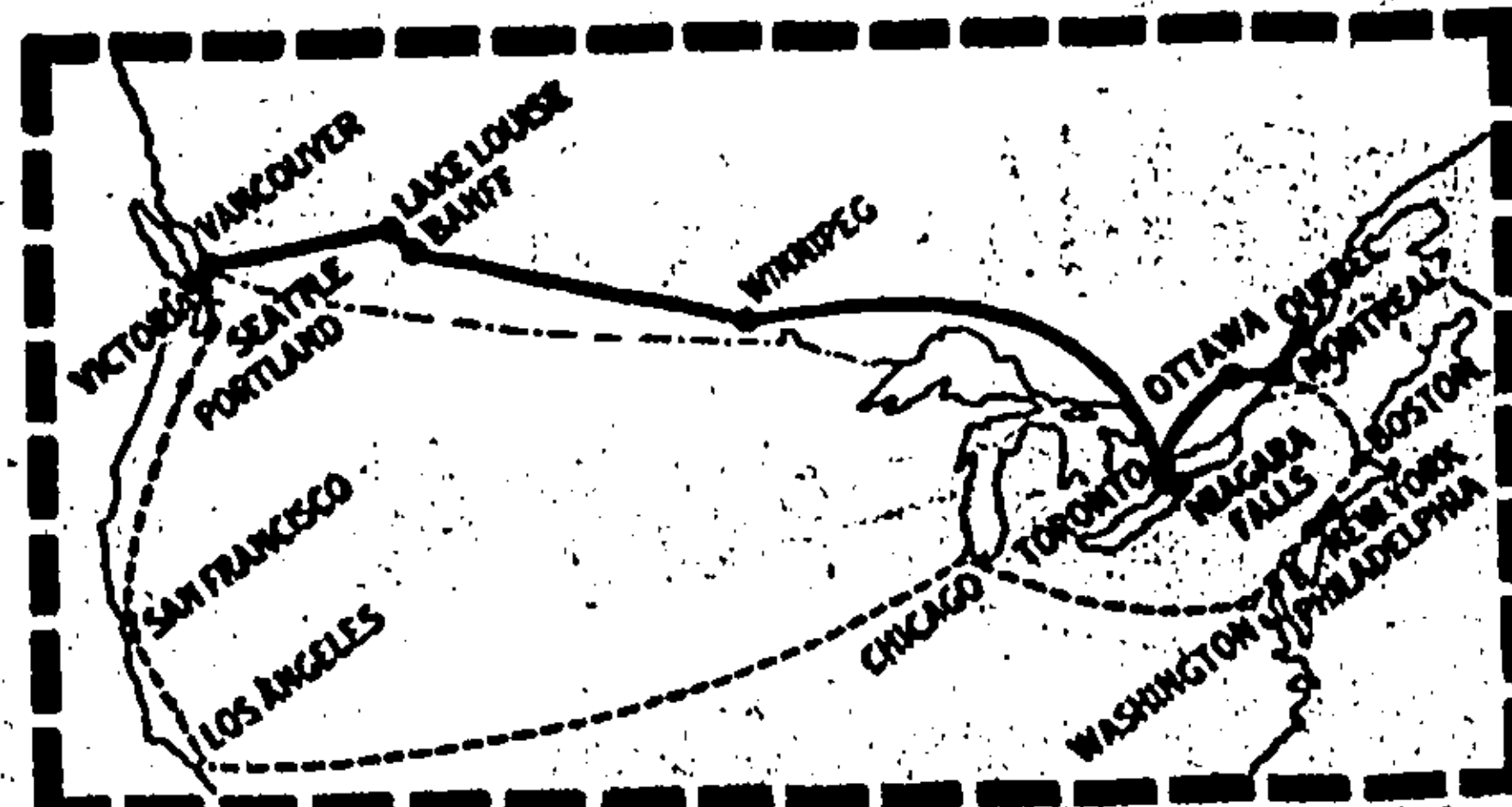
ITALIAN FLAGS IN R.A.F. MESS

A Royal Air Force bomber squadron has in the Officers' Mess, two Italian flags. The first was captured at Fort Capuzzo when the squadron was hammering the Italians in Libya. The second came from Koritz where the pilots were assisting the Greek army to rout the enemy in Albania.

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Hong Kong.

Friday, 13th June, 1941.

1. RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION

There will be no recruits' medical examination on Friday, 20th June, 1941. The Medical Board will assemble as ordered.

2. CONGRATULATORY

The Commandant has great pleasure in publishing the following letter received from His Excellency the General Officer Commanding:

"I wish to convey to all ranks of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps present on this morning's parade to mark the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty the King, my satisfaction and pleasure with the turnout and appearance of all ranks of the Corps. Their soldierly bearing displayed a good standard of discipline and efficiency and indicates high morale and esprit de corps."

Sgt. A. E. GRASSETT, Major-General,

Commanding the British Troops in China."

3. ATTESTATION OF RECRUITS. Attestation of Recruits will in future take place in the R.S.M.'s Office.

4. PARADES

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY
i. Dress For All Btys. For 1/2 Day Training

The attention of all ranks is directed to the following detail of dress:

Helmet, shirt, shorts, puttees, boots, web equipment, pouches, haversack and water bottle filled; steel helmet, respirator, overalls or trousers to be carried at Bty. Comd's discretion. Gun platform shoes to be carried. 3rd, 4th, and 5th A.A. Btys. only; knife, fork, spoon, plate and mug.

ii. 1st Battery
Tues. 17th June. H.Q. 2 p.m. All Secs. Training at D'Aguilar. D.E.L. to Wellington Bks. and proceed to D'Aguilar at 4.30 p.m. Dress as above, trousers will be carried instead of overalls.

Thurs. 19th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Secs. Kit Inspection. Dress—Mufti.

Thurs. 19th June. H.Q. 6.15 p.m. N.C.O.'s meeting. Dress—Mufti.

iii. 2nd Battery
Tues. 17th June. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. R. Sec. No. 1. Missfire drill. Dress—Mufti. Overalls and S.D. caps to be brought.

Tues. 17th June. D.E.L. School. 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. personnel. Instruction on Engines. Dress—Mufti. Overalls and S.D. cap to be brought.

Tues. 17th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L. Sec. (Excl. D.E.L.). Kit inspection. All uniform, equipment and books to be brought. Dress—Mufti.

Wed. 18th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. R. Sec. (Excl. D.E.L.). Kit inspection. All uniform, equipment and books to be brought. Dress—Mufti.

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

iii. 2nd Battery
Wed. 18th June. H.Q. 6 p.m. D.E.L. Personnel. Kit inspection and duty. Dress—Mufti—Overalls and S.D. caps to be brought.

Thurs. 19th June. H.Q. 1.45

p.m. R. Sec. No. 2. Fatigue Party. Remainder H.Q. 2.15 p.m. 1/2 day training at Bluff Head. Dress as above.

iv. 3rd Battery
Thurs. 18th June. H.Q. 2 p.m. All Secs. D.E.L. for D.E.L. School. Remainder for Aberdeen. Dress—as above.

v. 4th Battery
Tues. 17th June. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. All Secs. Bty. drill and instruction. Dress as above.

Thurs. 19th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Secs. General. Dress—S.D. cap, shirt, shorts, puttees and boots. Web belt.

Orderly Sgt. for the week — Sgt. W. M. Gittins.

Next for duty—Sgt. A. Dinnen.

vi. 5th A.A. Battery
Tues. 17th June. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. 1/2 day training at Saiwan. Dress as above.

Wed. 18th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Secs. Lecture. Dress—Mufti.

Thurs. 19th June. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 2 Sec. 1/2 day training at Saiwan. Dress as above.

(b) FIELD COMPANY

ENGINEERS
Mon. 16th June. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Section drill. Dress—Mufti.

Thurs. 19th June. K.C.R. 2.30 p.m. Technical training under section arrangements. Working Parties will parade as detailed.

Dress—Helmets, shirt, shorts, hosetops, boots and puttees. Overalls, Jack-knives and pliers must be brought on Parade.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Mon. 16th June. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. (i) R. Army Class. Lamp reading from Peak. (ii) Telegraph class as detailed. (iii) Remainder. Signal training. (iv) Training Cadre. Lecture. Island communications (New Lecture Room).

Wed. 18th June. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) Field Signal Exercise. (ii) M/T Class. Driving instruction. (ii) Dress. Summer Battle order, sun helmets.

Fri. 20th June. (i) W/T Class will report direct to Govt. Trade School at 2 p.m. (ii) There will be no evening parade except for those detailed.

ANNUAL CLASSIFICATION

The following men have classified as Signallers in the various grades and are entitled to wear the respective Cross-Flag Badge for 1 year.

1st Year Regular Army Standard

L/Cpl. Thompson, L/Cpl. Yip.

2nd Year Territorial Army

Standard

Cpl. Booker, Cpl. Poy, L/Cpl. Fountain, L/Cpl. Warren, Signm. Salter, Signm. Bourne, Signm. Wilson, Signm. Semmelmann, Signm. Gegg and Signm. Glendinning.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

ANNUAL CLASSIFICATION

1st Year Territorial Army

Standard

Signm. Mathias, Signm. Chidell, Signm. Mitchell.

The following men will be re-examined for Regular Army Standard.

Cpl. Poy, L/Cpl. Fountain, Signm. Salter, Signm. Bourne, Signm. Glendinning.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Mon. 16th June. Hung Hom. 5.30 p.m. Driving instruction for those detailed.

Wed. 18th June. Hung Hom.

2 p.m. All Pns. (L.M.G. Demonstration by 5/7 Rajput. Rgt.). Dress—Helmets, shorts, shirt, puttees, boots. Equipment—Battle Order less steel helmets.

Fri. 20th June. (i) Nos. 1 and 2 Pns. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Advanced Map Reading and Message Writing. (ii) Nos. 4 and 5 Pns. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Written Exam., Advanced Map Reading and Message writing. (iii) No. 3 Pln. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Fire Revolver course. (Range Officer—2/Lt. Carruthers).

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 16th June. Those detailed. H.Q. 1.50 p.m. Remainder. Kowloon Star Ferry. 2.30 p.m. 1/2 Day training. M.G. demonstration. Dress as usual. Rifle slings and pull-throughs to be brought.

Fri. 20th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Kit inspection. All kit to be brought in kit bag. 6.15 p.m. Lecture.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Tues. 17th June. Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Pln. Weapon training.

Wed. 18th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Pln. (i) M.G. Pln. L. G. training. (ii) L. G. Pln. Rifle.

Fri. 20th June. H.Q. 2 p.m. Company parade. Dress—Battle Order.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Mon. 16th June. H.Q. 1.50 p.m. Those detailed. Remainder. Kowloon Railway Stn. 2.15 p.m. Dress as usual. Frogs and slings. Mess tins will be carried.

Thurs. 19th June. H.Q. 5.20 p.m. Dress—Overalls.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Mon. 16th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. Lecture.

Tues. 17th June. Murray Parade Ground. 5.15 p.m. Those detailed.

Wed. 18th June. H.Q. 1.45 p.m. H.K. men; Kowloon Star Ferry 2.15 p.m. Kowloon men. 1/2 day training.

Fri. 20th June. Murray Parade Ground. 5.15 p.m. Those detailed.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Mon. 16th June. H.Q. 2 p.m. Dress as before.

Fri. 20th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Rifle instruction Revision. Continued from last week.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Tues. 17th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company Comd's parade.

Fri. 20th June. H.Q. 2 p.m. Dress as before.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Mon. 16th June. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Rifle training. Firing positions.

Tues. 17th June. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Sand Table Exercise. All Officers and N.C.Os.

Fri. 20th June. H.Q. 2 p.m. Company training parade. Dress—Fighting Order, helmets.

(l) Army Service Corps Company

Mon. 16th June—Sat. 21st June.

Transport and Supplies Duties daily as detailed. Dress as before. Duty Officers as ordered.

Thurs. 19th June. St. John's Place No. 6 Hut. 5.20 p.m. Whole company. Lecture—Map reading. Dress—Mufti.

Sun. 29th June. All day exercise. Whole Company. Details later. Duty Officer Captain A. H. Potts.

(m) Field Ambulance

Tues. 17th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Mufti.

Wed. 18th June. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Dress—Shirts, shorts, boots, puttees, hosetops, helmets, full webbing equipment.

(n) Pay Section

Mon. 18th June. Vol. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Mufti.

Thurs. 19th June. Comd. H.Q. Sub-section I. Dress—Uniform.

Fri. 20th June. Comd. H.Q. Sub-section II. Dress—Uniform.

APPOINTMENTS

3837. Gnr. W. G. R. Coates, 2nd Bty., to be Act. L/Bdr., 13.6.41;

4181. Gnr. E. L. Jones, 2nd Bty., to be Act. L/Bdr., 13.6.41; 2105, Pte. E. C. Brown, No. 1 Coy., to be L/Cpl., 12.6.41.

* For duration of attachment to Regular Army.

TRANSFERS

DR166. Gnr. G. H. Piercy, from 2nd Bty. to Pay Sec., 13.6.41;

4197. Gnr. G. Chow, from 3rd Bty. to Corps H.Q. Res., 13.6.41; 2923, Pte. Mok Wah Chuan, from No. 4 Coy. to Fd. Amb. Res., 6.6.41.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

2517. Bdr. L. D. Fernandes, 4th Bty., 26.3.41; 4212, Pte. Leung On Kwok, No. 7 Coy., 29.5.41; DR259, Pte. E. T. Harris, No. 3 Coy., 9.4.41; 4150, Gnr. Shum Yiu Kai, 5th A.A. Bty., 30.4.41; 2652, Cpl. R. M. M. King, No. 1 Coy., 15.5.41; 3222, L/Cpl. P. Wynter-Blyth, No. 1 Coy., 15.5.41; 3828, Gnr. D. F. Lopes, 3rd Bty., 30.5.41; 3480, Gnr. Chu Fook Yin, 4th Bty., 30.5.41.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

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Strength-Decease

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Here is the R.A.F. pilot's report:—

"I recognised the aerodrome from a previous patrol. An enemy bomber was already circling ready to land. It fired several recognition cartridges and we maintained patrol, looking for a target.

"At 6,000 feet I saw an enemy bomber flying in the opposite direction with its navigation lights on about 4,000 feet below. I closed my throttle and dived, but the enemy was flying so slowly that I overshot him.

"We continued to patrol and ten minutes later saw another enemy bomber with its lights on. We chased it in a circuit waiting for a suitable moment to open fire and as the enemy turned, it was plainly seen as a Dornier. With a very good view of the target we opened fire. Nearly all our ammunition was seen to enter the fuselage and cockpit of the enemy.

"As we passed from port to starboard a large flash came from the enemy. Our air gunner then opened fire and all rounds entered

ed the cockpit. The enemy banked vertically to port and went into a violent side slip and disappeared. All aerodrome lights were then extinguished."

His work there completed the R.A.F. pilot flew off "looking for other targets and chased a number of recognition lights. We saw another enemy aircraft fire a cartridge, but found we were now over the sea and he must have fired crossing the coast. We returned home."

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TAIKOO VISIT K. TONG THIS AFTERNOON

Have Always Done Well Against Mainlanders

CRAIGENGOWER CHANGES IN ALL TEAMS

MAIN INTEREST IN TO-DAY'S LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE PROGRAMME IS IN THE JUNIOR DIVISIONS, WHERE KOWLOON TONG MEET TAIKOO IN SECOND DIVISION AND CRAIGENGOWER ARE AT HOME TO POLICE IN THIRD DIVISION.

Recreio "A", present leaders of First Division, are at home to Indian Recreation Club and are expected to win, but they should not take things too easily as the Sookunpoo team are playing good bowls at the moment.

Craigengower are making one change in their team against Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B". M. J. Medina has been promoted in place of W. K. Way, who will skip a Second Division rink.

With home advantage, Kowloon Tong should account for Taikoo, but the latter, in spite of their lowly position in the League, are a good side and have always done well against Kowloon Tong.

Craigengower are making several changes for their Second Division match against Recreio, who did so well against Kowloon Football Club last week. W. K. Way, from the seniors, will skip one of the rinks and will have L. Gaddi as his No. 3. L. M. Roza has been promoted and will be No. 1 in Randall's rink.

Police Favoured

For their Third Division game against Police, Craigengower will have G. S. Ladd as No. 3 to D. A. Rozario, while W. Todd comes in place of the promoted L. M. Roza, but with Police at full strength they are not expected to win.

With only one change in their side—S. C. Walker takes the place of H. Bicknell—Kowloon Bowling Green Club should retain their position at the head of the Third Division table at the expense of Hong Kong Cricket Club.

HOCKEY ON ROLLER SKATES

Playing at home last night in a friendly hockey match on roller skates, Kowloon Skating Rink beat "C" Coy. Royal Scots, by 5 goals to 1, after leading by the odd goal in three.

E. B. Nanak (3). Robert Cheung and Ng Sam-ming scored for the winners, while the losers' only goal was netted through Scott.

K'n. Skating Rink:—P. K. Chan; L. Chan and Robert Cheung; E. B. Nanak and Ng Sam-ming.
Royal Scots:—Rough; McGready and Evans; Scott and Crocker.

PAIRS MATCHES POSTPONED

Yesterday's programme of matches in the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship was postponed owing to the weather.

BOWLS FORECAST

Following is to-day's programme, with the probable winning teams underlined:

FIRST DIVISION

Recreio "A"	v. I.R.C.
C.C.C.	v. K.B.G.C. "B"
K.C.C.	v. K.B.G.C. "A"
P.R.C.	v. Recreio "B"
C.S.C.C.	v. K.D.R.C.

SECOND DIVISION

Recreio	v. C.C.C.
H.K.C.C.	v. K.F.C.
K.T.G.C.A.	v. Taikoo
P.O.C.	v. H.K.F.C.

THIRD DIVISION

C.C.C.	v. P.R.C.
K.B.G.C.	v. H.K.C.C.
K.F.C.	v. H.K.E.R.C.
I.R.C.	v. Recreio

FOOTBALL REFEREES' CLASSES FOR CIVILIANS

Providing there are sufficient entries, Hong Kong Football Referees' Association intend holding classes for civilians during the summer. Messrs. H. Beard, D. Kossick and F. J. da Silva, first class referees, have signified their willingness to conduct these classes.

Applications should be addressed to Mr. F. J. da Silva, Hon. Secretary of the Association, care of The Treasury.

PAIRS MATCH TO-MORROW

The Open Pairs lawn bowls competition match between H. Spong and E. Evett, and E. A. Atkins and J. G. Meyer will be played at 10 a.m. to-morrow, at Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

NO INTERNATIONAL TENNIS IN FRANCE DURING WAR

Jean Borotra, world famous tennis player, who has been made French Sport Commissary by Marshal Petain, stated recently in an interview that until peace is restored in Europe there could be no question of international matches in France.

The "Bouncing Basque," who in 1926, won the Davis Cup for France, at Germantown, with his team composed of Rene Lacoste, Henri Cochet, and Jacques Brugnon, said:

"Since France's star players, Yvon Petra and Henri Pellizza, are in German prison camps it would be impossible for France to participate in tennis matches abroad."

No Davis Cup Team!

"With the 1,800,000 French prisoners scattered throughout Germany and the occupied zone of France," he continued, "and every French family with at least one member in captivity, we do not feel up to playing in public. Thus, France will not be represented at Davis Cup matches next Summer. However, there will be French inter-regional championships to be held in Paris on the courts of the Tennis Club de France."

"Yvon Petra and Pierre Pellizza are prisoners, while Jacques Brugnon (one of the Four Horsemen of the 1927 French Davis Cup team), is in America as secretary to a tennis club in Pasadena. Georges Destremau, another young French Davis Cup star, is in Paris and is leaving for the front."

CHAPMAN'S CRICKET DISCUSSED

There is a certain sort of ball, of a good length on or near the off-stump, from which even great batsmen are not inclined to score, writes R. C. Robertson-Glasgow in the "Observer." True, they don't get out from it either. It's a dull scene.

There is the ball: there is the stroke; and there is the neat little dot in the analysis. But at least the bowler draws comfort from knowing that he can produce a "quietener." He is on level terms sometimes. I never had this feeling when bowling to Percy Chapman. He had a discouraging habit, visible, too, in Frank Woolley, of hitting a good length ball square or later to the off-boundary, when it should have been in the wicket-keeper's hands.

In his prime, that is, roughly, from 1920 to 1930, he was not to be kept quiet. He made more mistakes than Woolley, but, like him, he kept the attack; and he hit the ball even harder, if with more obvious effort. Now that is greatness of a kind; and Chapman had a certain greatness, as a batsman, a fielder, and a captain.

Orthodox Defence

As weight increased and his feet answered more slowly, his batting and his confidence declined; but for some years after the last war they were magnificent. Tall, strong, and lithe, he was a left-handed hitter with orthodox defence, much of which was rendered unnecessary by a vast reach and an ability to drive good length balls over the head of mid-off, bowler, and mid-on. His cover-driving, too, was immensely strong. In 1922 he made 102 not out for Cambridge against Oxford, at Lord's, reaching his century with a drive off me that "went through" as fine a cover-point as

L. P. Hedges. Soon afterwards he made 168 for the Gentlemen against the Players. But, for sheer hitting, probably the greatest innings of his career was one of 260 for Kent against Lancashire, at Maidstone. Again and again he knocked and cut McDonald's fastest to the boundary. It was murder in the G. L. Jessop manner.

Natural Leader

His captaincy, like his batting, was natural. It was founded on quick perceptions, a wide knowledge of human nature, and a happiness of disposition which native shrewdness never allowed to deteriorate into mere geniality. He knew his men as perhaps no other captain of modern times has known them. To a bowler, I can say from experience, his knowledge of the game gave the fullest opportunity, as his love of it gave the fullest desire, to do well. He was only twenty-five, and unversed in County captaincy, when he was made England's captain in the final Australian Test, on which "the Ashes" depended. With such players as Hobbs and Rhodes under him, who had won Tests when he was reading of them at his first school, he yet relied on his own observations and made his own decisions. It was a great victory in a double sense.

Great Captain.

He took some of this team to Australia two years later. No stronger combination has ever left England, Hobbs and Sutcliffe to open the batting; Hammond, Jardine, Leyland, Hendren, and Chapman to follow. Tate and Larwood began the bowling, backed up by Jack White, with a type of slow left-hand, but seldom seen in the game. A great team with a great captain. Four matches were won in a row; the fifth, in Chapman's absence and with several players injured, was lost. In the England summer of 1930 Chapman added another victory, at Nottingham, his sixth against Australia in succession. At Lord's Bradman took control. Australia won, though Chapman nearly saved the match with an innings of 121. Two drawn matches followed.

Misguided Decision

Then, when all depended on the Oval Test, the selectors chose another captain, R. E. S. Wyatt. The Australians, when first they heard the news, did not believe it. Little further comment is needed. It was a miserably misguided decision. Wyatt was sound enough; but Chapman was brilliant; and he knew the men.

As a fielder he was among the greatest. In recent years he has stood at gully, where he has made wonderful saves and catches. But I best remember him at cover-point for Cambridge, where his large left hand would seize a fast swerving ball and return it to the wicketkeeper with a flick of the wrist.

How much Kent owed to his captaincy the players would tell you. He brought breadth and humour to what was in danger of becoming narrow and parochial. He was an enemy of pomposity and tradition without performance did not appeal to him. My own idea of a cricket match is to bowl on a fast pitch with damp on top and to have Chapman as captain in the gully.

SWIMMING GALA TO-NIGHT AT THE V.R.C.

Victoria Recreation Club's first swimming gala of the season will be held to-night at 9 p.m.

Events are confined to members only and will in the main be over short distances.

After the swimming there will be dancing.

KIN SHING CUP SERIES STARTS TO-DAY

THE "KIN SHING" CUP BASKETBALL (ON SKATES) LEAGUE, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF KOWLOON SKATING RINK, WILL BE OFFICIALLY STARTED TO-NIGHT, COMMENCING AT 7 P.M., WHEN THE "GREEN AND WHITE" TEAM MEET A SIDE REPRESENTING KOWLOON SKATING RINK.

The League, which has attracted six teams, will be played nightly at 7 p.m. at Kowloon Skating Rink, Mongkok, and is expected to be completed in 10 days.

The six teams, with their official names in brackets, are Kowloon Skating Rink (Rink), Middlesex (Middlesex), Royal Scots (Royals), Canton University (Canton U.), Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union (Union) and Green and White (Colours).

Following are the League fixtures:—

June 14	Colours	v.	Rink
15	Middlesex	v.	Royals
16	Union	v.	Colours
17	Rink	v.	Middlesex
18	Royals	v.	Union
19	Middlesex	v.	Colours
20	Rink	v.	Royals
21	Middlesex	v.	Union
22	Royals	v.	Colours
23	Rink	v.	Union

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To-morrow's Baseball Game Best COOPERATION IS NEEDED TO SPEED UP THE PROGRAMME

By "Grandstand"

THE BASEBALL DRAWING CARD FOR THE WEEK-END WILL BE THE HONG KONG BREWERS v U.S.S. ASHEVILLE T U S S L E SLATED FOR 10 A.M. TO-MORROW, WHILST U. S. S. MINDANAO TANGLE WITH ROYAL ENGINEERS IN TO-DAY'S CURTAIN - RAISER AT 2.15 P.M. SHARP. IN THE NIGHT-CAP SOUTH CHINA CLASH WITH THEIR RIVALS, CHUNG HWA.

Managers of teams are reminded of the President's circular regarding cooperation in speeding up the games, especially in going on and coming off the field between innings. This is especially necessary for to-day's games, when unnecessary delay will probably mean that one of the games will have to be called. Attention is also drawn to the fact that the umpire has full power to start the game on time, and any team turning up late for infield practice will have to do without it.

SELECTIONS FOR MACAO TO-MORROW

- Race No. 1
COCKLEROI
JOAN
ANGEL OF GLORY
Outsider:—Double Finesse.
- Race No. 2
HIGH HAT
SUBPOENA
RISING STAR
Outsider:—Buckfastleigh.
- Race No. 3
LANCASHIRE LASS
OSCAR ZYLCH
ODEON
Outsider:—Blue Field.
- Race No. 4
PIET HEIN
MAC'S ADVENTURE
RADIUM STAR
Outsider:—King's Worthy.
- Race No. 5
EVE OF HUNTING
PORTRUSH
WEST LAKE
Outsider:—Boolat Bay.
- Race No. 6
THE MERMAID
HOPEFUL TIME
EAGLE
Outsider:—National Liberty.

Hong Kong Brewers let down this corner last week by being nosed out by U.S.S. Mindanao, and this should have been a lesson to the pilot of this pillar of prattle, but baseball's a funny thing, and anything can happen. So, armed with a couple of parachutes, this corner will give up the comforting tree trunk again, and go out on a limb to give Dave Leonard's Brewery Bombers the nod in this tilt. Here's how it looks to one man up a tree.

Despite the case of jitters which attacked the Brewers last week, George Souza being the most affected victim with three costly errors, the Leonardmen have always been a powerful and impressive team with a strong defensive support to Madeen Arculli's pitching, and when their cluster of battering rams, right down the batting order, really get going they are indeed hard to stop.

Right-hander Madeen Arculli will draw the opening assignment on the hill, with brother Obear receiving. The infield quartette will be Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard at first base, Tony "Pee-wee" Alves at second, with George Souza on the other side of the bag, whilst Dave Leonard will guard the far turn. The outfielding trio will be Hank Ali, Jindoo Hussain and Baby Abbas.

All set to upset the Brewery Bomb wagon, the Asheville men are out to avenge their pre-season defeat by the Brewers. Lefty Crumm and Tony Groverdale will probably be the opening battery, although Sawyer and Lang-

ford didn't do so badly last week, when they took the points from the Mohawks. The rest of the line-up will probably be Haigh, first-base, Watkins, second; Rhoades filling up the short-stop gap, and peppery DiGiacocone holding the hot corner. Outfield ball-hawks will be Leis, "Pokey" Brood and Morey. Grandpa Leung, Chuck Waggoner and Nip Lum are down to handle this tilt.

To-day's Games

When Royal Engineers meet U.S.S. Mindanao this afternoon they will find themselves in fast company. Although Sappers surprised their fans, and most of all South China last week, the Merry Mindanaomen, with Powlawski on the slab, will prove too much for them.

Apart from their fielding ability, Sappers have improved tremendously in ball sense, and the end of the season should find them going places. They have at last struck a good battery combination in Mike Sarsfield and Tom Fox, and will probably start the pair Shaw, Foley, Heath and Taylor will be the infielders, whilst outfielders will be "Flash" Radcliffe, Cork and Welford. "Doc" Molthen, Hal Winglee and P. F. Choy are down to officiate in this game.

Interesting Match

At 4.30 p.m. South China come to grips with Chung Hwa. When a team that can't hit a flock of flying barns comes up against a team with bats chock full of holes, the outcome should be worth watching. The Carolinians are still smarting under their humiliation at the hands of Engineers last week, and are all out to wipe off part of the stigma of that defeat by chalk-ing up a victory.

It must be conceded that the drizzle contributed to veteran Ernie Moy's crack-up last week, and in view of this it is possible that he will be given another chance on the hill this afternoon. Wally Ching, present guardian of the windy alley, is the only other player capable of taking over mound duties, but this step will leave a hole right in the infield that will need some plugging.

Tommy Chan Back

Veteran Coach Tommy Chan, whose hitting was badly missed last week, especially on the several occasions when a timely hit would have pushed valuable runs across the platter, will be cavorting around first base again. Either "Hitless" Texas Ng, who fanned the breeze three times last Sabbath, or Pat Wong will be given custody of the middle-cushion, with Nip Lum covering third base. Gardeners will be picked from Nelson Ma, I. C. Wong, W. T. Kwun, Cecil Winglee, Pang Salkwong and Harry Chinn.

Chung Hwa are depending on the several rookies they have recently roped in, amongst whom is Willie Woo, who will probably be given an infield position. P. F. Choy and Grandpa Leung, old-timers and mainstay of the team, will be fielded. Al Lau and Bill Chang will probably team up to form their battery.

Arbitrators for this game will be Powlawski, J. Welford and Tony Mascavage.

Following is the programme for the week-end:

TO-DAY
2.15 p.m.—U.S.S. Mindanao v. Royal Engineers ("Doc" Molthen, Hal Winglee and P. F. Choy).

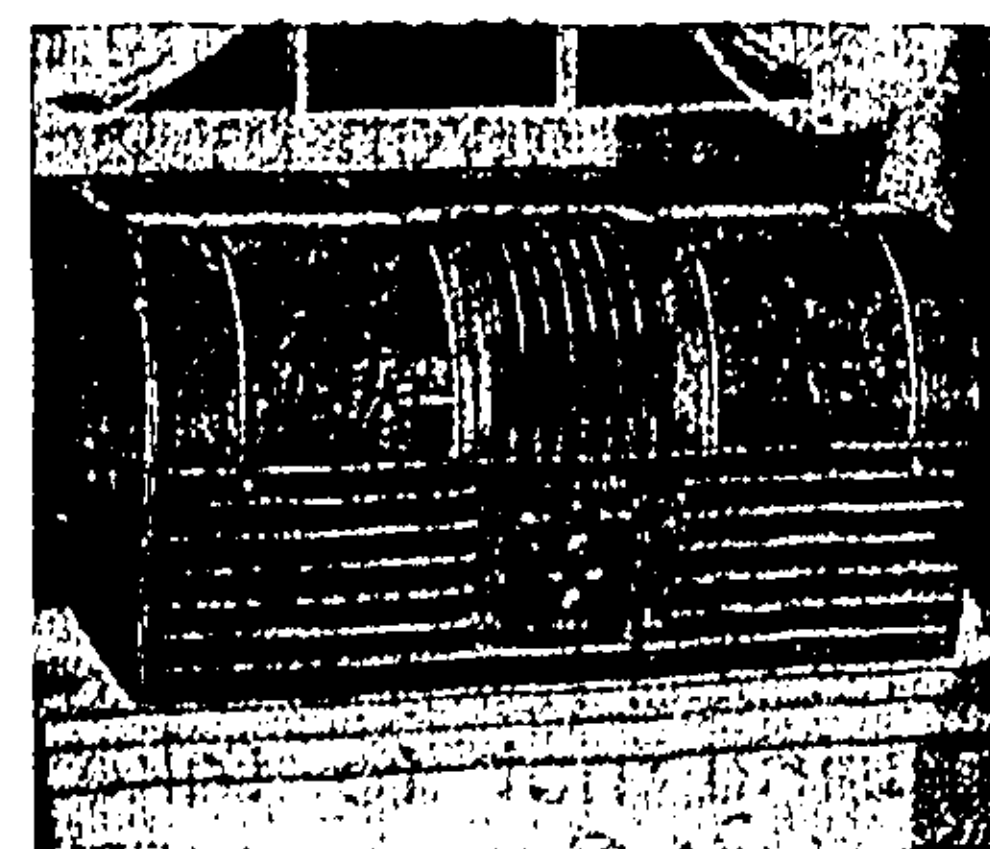
4.30 p.m.—South China v. Chung Hwa (Ski Powlawski, J. Welford and Tony Mascavage).

TO-MORROW
10.00 a.m.—Hong Kong Brewers v. U.S.S. Asheville, playing for U.S.S. Tulsa (Grandpa Leung, Chuck Waggoner and Nip Lum).

COTTAGE CLUB RIDE POSTPONED

Owing to the unsuitable weather, the Cottage Club ride to Linmahang, which was to have been held to-day, has now been postponed until Saturday, June 21.

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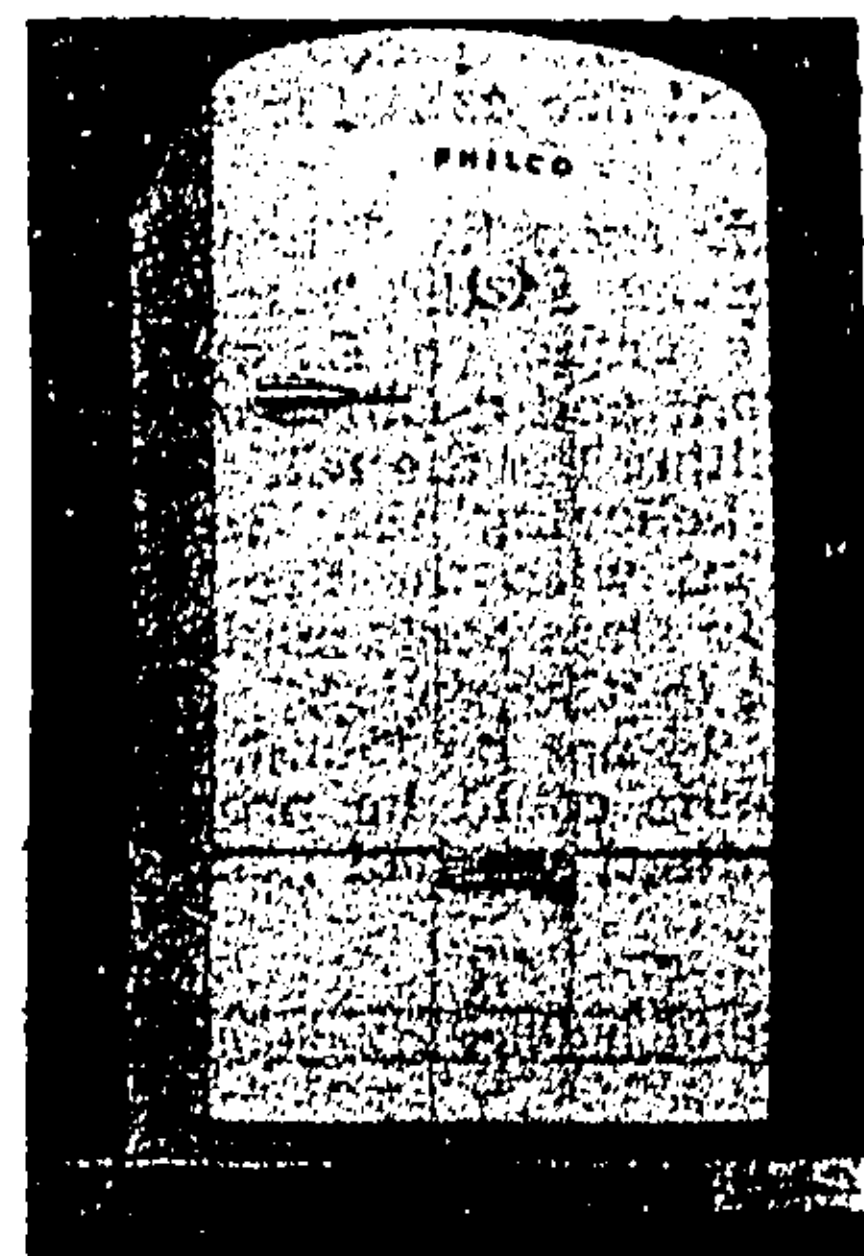
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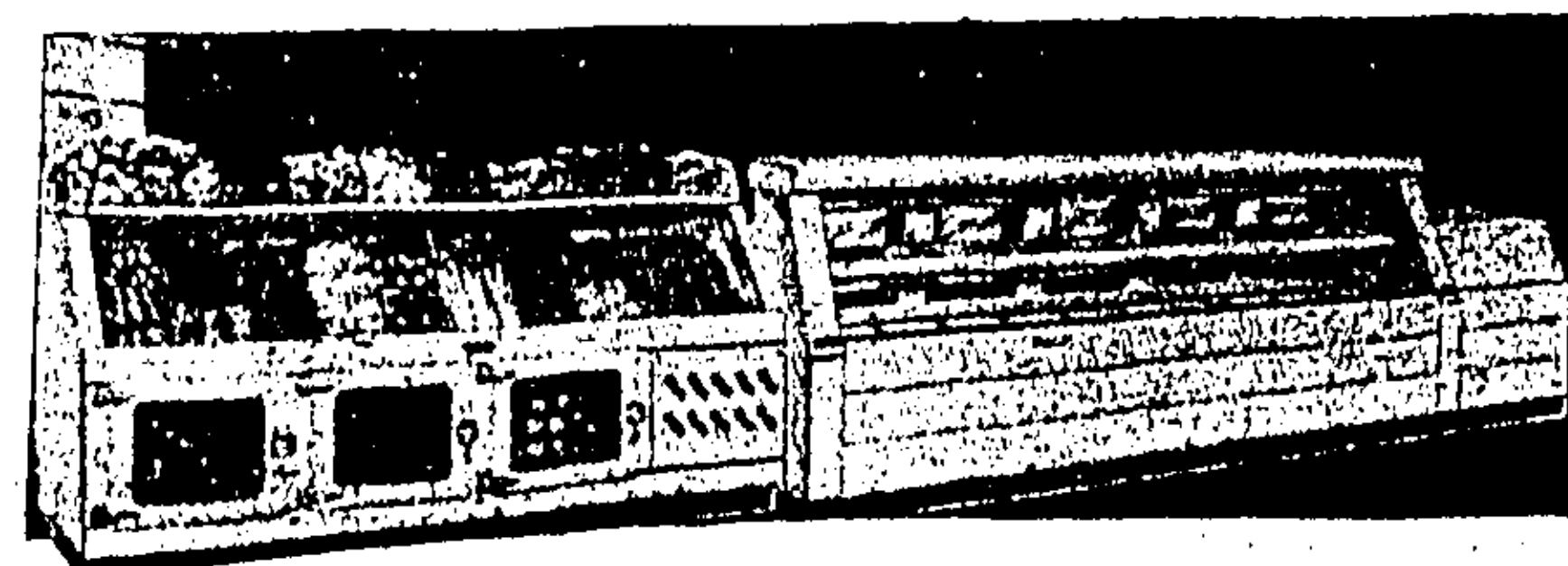
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TAKING THE CLUB BACK

By Best Ball

There are many advantages in using a straight left arm in golf. It sets a definite arc in which the clubhead must travel thereby increasing accuracy. The principle is not unlike that of a wagon wheel, the rim being the arc, the spoke the left arm, and hub the body. Another feature in its favour is the wide arc the extended left arm allows. The wider the arc of the stroke, the greater the potential clubhead speed and smoothness of operation, for the club can be gradually accelerated until great clubhead velocity is reached. Naturally this wide arc is not possible without attendant body turn. Pushing back the club with the left starts this pivot in a natural manner and the co-ordination in movement continues until the backswing is complete.

On the other hand lifting the club directly up with the right hand neither encourages

PUSHING CLUB BACK WITH LEFT ARM
INDUCES BODY TURN
INCREASES ARC OF CLUBHEAD



LIFTING WITH RIGHT RESTRICTS ARC

nor requires body turn. The clubhead as a result comes up in a more abrupt arc and because the arms are bent lacks a definite gauge that will determine its return course. Next Article:—Warming Up and Cooling Down.

FREE FRENCH SYRIA STATEMENT

"We Do Not Seek A Big Military Victory"

BRITAIN SECURE ON THE FOOD FRONT

Broadcasting last night the Food Controller, Lord Woolton, declared that despite the Battle of the Atlantic, Britain's food situation was sound.

Stocks of food were such that the country was as well off after 21 months' of war as it was after nine months in regard to all essential foods. —Reuter.

"PRODUCE THE BODY"

The apparent contradiction of our story of the rat which set on fire with kerosene ran afrenzy in a Temple Street house and caused a small fire calls for some explanation.

It is simple enough. When our reporter arrived at the scene of the fire, he found a European police sergeant and a Chinese detective searching for the rat. The reason for believing that a rat was connected with the fire was to be found in statements made by the inmates to the police. But the body could not be found, and nothing definite could be proved. In the meantime, we had gone to press.

Tremendous Repercussion Of Invasion

THE BRITISH AND Free French Forces in Syria are opposed by 45,000 Vichy troops, of which 30,000 are natives, according to an estimate given by General de Gaulle's Chief of Staff, General Petinin, in an interview in London yesterday.

The Vichy forces are commanded by General Vedillac, who with other generals was released from a German prison camp on promising not to take a further active part against Germany.

Emphasising the fact that the Allied penetration of Syria is to expel the Germans and prevent further arrivals of Germans, General Petinin declared: "We are only fighting against the Germans and shall continue to fight them wherever and whenever we can until the day of final victory."

"We do not seek a big military victory in Syria. Free French soldiers in Syria have been ordered never to shoot first."

"Already many French soldiers in Syria have joined us, holding the Tricolour in one hand and a white flag in the other, but many have been shot from behind by native troops under Vedillac's orders."

Effects Already Visible

General Petinin was of opinion that the arrival of the British and Free French in Syria will have a

tremendous repercussion among the people in France and French North Africa.

"The results can already be seen from the recent speech of Admiral Darlan, which disclosed he is worried and realises he cannot carry out his original policy of uniting Vichy with Germany to fight Britain."

"It is not expected that General Weygand will do anything that goes beyond the Armistice terms."

"Darlan knows he cannot count on the support of the French fleet, because more than 60 per cent. of the crews come from Brittany, where national feeling is strongest and hatred of Germany deepest."

Richelieu Crew's Action

"If Darlan gave the order for a fleet attack, many French ships would come to Britain."

"Darlan ordered the battleship Richelieu to return from Dakar to Brest but the crew refused, and that is why the Richelieu remains at Dakar." — Reuter.

CANADIAN TROOPS READY

Canadian troops are ready to be used in any field of action by the High Command, declared the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, in Ottawa yesterday.

Referring to sea warfare, he said that having regard to the comparative resources of tonnage targets and striking power available, "the balance of the effect of destruction is not tilted as heavily as might appear on the side of Germany and Italy."

Every month, he continued, more Canadian men and weapons were added to Britain's defences. This year two more divisions, one of which is armoured, would go to Britain.

The number of men in the Royal Canadian Air Force is increasing daily. Over 1,000 radio technicians have been sent to Britain where they are invaluable "in the defence of the midnight skies," and more would follow.

Canada was sending a growing volume of war machines to Britain.

Mr. King said that Canadian soldiers enlisted for active service anywhere and there have been no restrictions on their use or movement. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The Robin Line, owners of the Robin Moor, assured the press at a conference in New York yesterday that the vessel carried neither munitions nor war materials.

The Line allowed the press to examine the ship's manifest and a preliminary examination showed the only firearms aboard were one case of 22 calibre rifles without ammunition and 10 cases of low-gauge shot-gun shells consigned to a sporting goods shop in Johannesburg.

An official of the Line said there were some chemicals of an unidentified type aboard and they were attempting to discover for what they were used. Germany considers chemicals as a class of contraband. — Reuter.

An increase in the pressure of British and Gaullist troops in all sectors in Syria during the last 24 hours is reported in a Vichy communique which, however, declares that no important results have been achieved.

The communique admits, however, that in the coastal region, with the support of a British naval force, which had been still further increased, British troops succeeded late on Thursday in advancing several kilometres to the outskirts of Sidon where, it says, Vichy units are still resisting despite a very violent bombardment.

The communique continues that in Merja Ayoun one Vichy defence post was occupied, but claims that the attackers, "Canadian troops," were held everywhere else. It claims the dispersal of the Allied armoured units east of Hermon and to have repulsed an infantry attack at Kiswe, and adds that on Friday morning British troops directed their efforts farther east, where fighting is proceeding.

During the night of June 12/13, the communique goes on, the Royal Air Force again bombed the port at Beirut several times, while the Vichy air force continued offensive action against Allied troops despite very heavy anti-aircraft fire.

Vichy bombers "successfully attacked concentrations of motorised units in South Sidon." — Reuter.

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